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# COVID-19 Guidelines

Updated March 7, 2022

The CDC is now looking at severity of disease and hospitalizations per county, instead of case counts for restriction guidelines. This new method actually lowers the number of people who need to wear a mask, due to vaccination rates and those who have recovered from the disease.

The following are updated directives from the Pennsylvania DeMolay Executive Officer's Leadership Team and must be adhered to by all Advisory Councils, Chapters, and Manors:

**Masks**—Are optional and NO LONGER required unless a specific venue or local ruling designates their use. However, we continue to make the following recommendations:

**Low Risk Areas** (masks not required indoors) If not fully vaccinated, it is recommended you continue to wear a mask indoors.

- Allegheny
- Westmoreland
- York
- Lancaster
- Berks
- Butler

**Medium Risk Areas** (masks not required indoors but recommended for immuno-compromised individuals) If not fully vaccinated, it is recommended you continue to wear a mask indoors.

- Montgomery
- Bucks
- Philadelphia
- Lehigh
- Lackawanna
- Luzerne

**Social Distancing**—should still be encouraged when indoors.

**Sanitization**—We continue to encourage all current policies, which include limited sharing and touching of Chapter objects (i.e. gavels, pens, Holy Bible). When possible it is permitted and encouraged to pantomime any physical actions.

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**Food**—We encourage the use of pre-packaged food, and discourage any buffet-styled meals.

**Visitations/Programs**—Outside programs are permitted at all meetings and the presentation of programs via visitation is also permitted. Travel is permitted between Chapters and Manors with consent of ALL participating parties.

**Transportation/Group Travel**—There are no longer any specific mandates, but the mask guidelines listed above should be observed.

NOTE—When using facilities outside of your Chapter’s regular place of meeting. You should follow the guidelines of the host facility.

Please be mindful of any local or regional governing agencies’ changing restrictions on gatherings and ensure those policies are being followed. It is very important to contact your meeting venue and make certain that you are following all requirements they may have instituted.

It is important to follow any specific current local guidelines, and the continually updated directives of the CDC.

These updates are effective as of March 7, 2022, and will continue until further notice. Should you—at any time—have any questions or concerns, please contact Mom Jeanine Larkin at [citrine59@verizon.net](mailto:citrine59@verizon.net), Dad David Berry at [dwberry@pademolay.net](mailto:dwberry@pademolay.net), or Dad Rodney Boyce at [rboyce@pademolay.net](mailto:rboyce@pademolay.net).

It is also important to remember that your Chapter may continue to meet virtually or in a hybrid format.

Guidelines for use of The Masonic Conference Center-Patton Campus are set by the Grand Lodge and PMYF, announcements for future events will have up-to-date details.

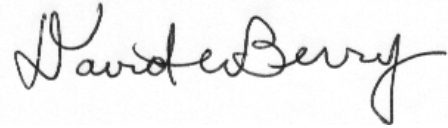
In closing, we continue to be very proud of the manner in which Pennsylvania DeMolay, its members and Advisors, are conducting themselves during these changing times. While this return to “normalcy” should help with future event planning and activities. We still urge everyone to be vigilant. And remember, if you don’t feel well, stay home. It is always better to error on the safe side!

Please continue your efforts to keep the members, Advisors, and visitors of Pennsylvania DeMolay safe!

Sincerely and Fraternally,



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Executive Officer



Dad David W. Berry  
Executive Secretary

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