

Reopening
our

FACE TO **FACE**

Meetings

SO...

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

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Where to begin?

- Getting Started
- Discussion Topics for Reopening
- Consider new or revised service opportunities
 - Our Traditions
 - Resources
- Things to remember....



GETTING STARTED



- Be prepared in advance. Meet virtually and create a reopening plan.
- Communicate with your landlord or facility contact.
- Stay on top of city, regional, provincial and Canada-wide guidelines.
- Reach out to District, Area or the General Service Office with questions.
- Perform a dry run to create a procedure checklist.



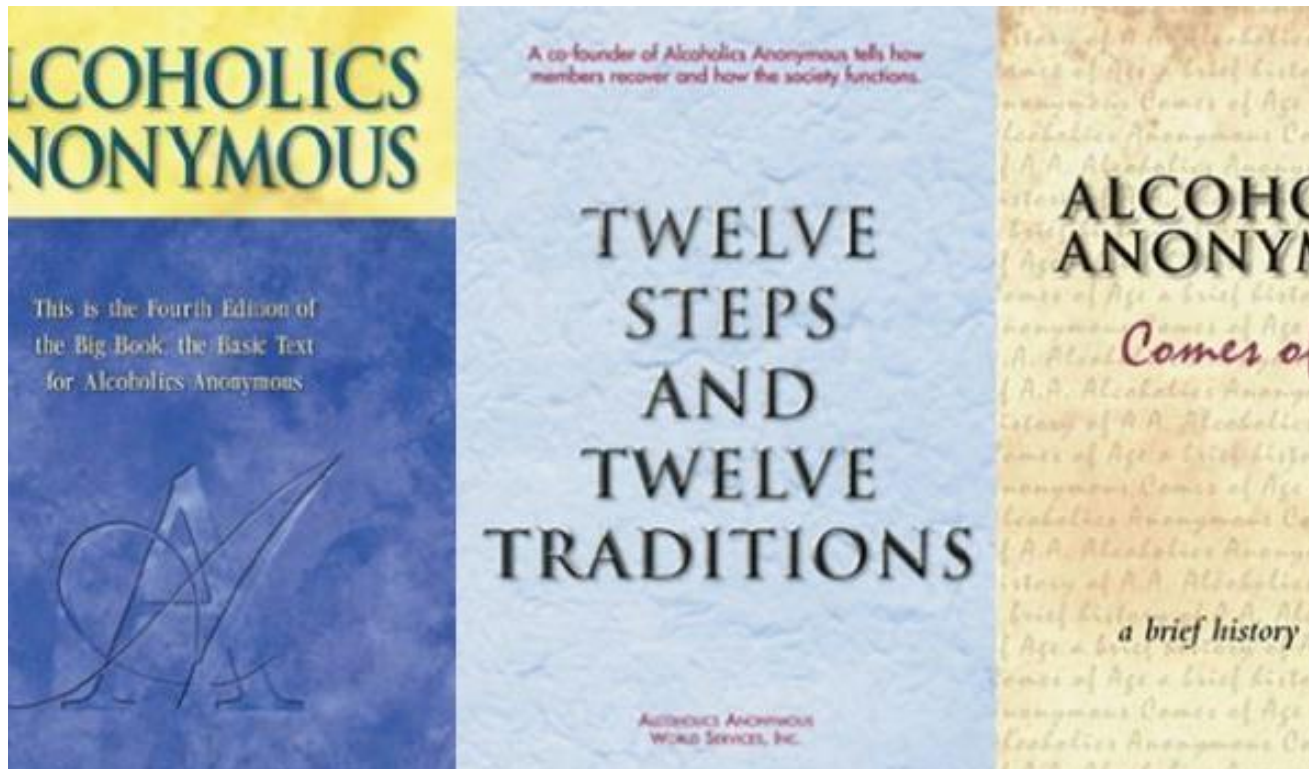
DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR REOPENING

1. Meeting Procedures
2. Meeting Delivery Format
3. 7th Tradition
4. PPE
5. Social Distancing
6. Contact Tracing



REOPENING
SOON

Meeting Procedures



- Meeting scripts can be adjusted to include new procedures
- Coffee/snacks
- Literature – BYOB!
- Newcomers
- Anniversaries
- Finances
- Accessibility

Meeting Delivery Format


- Will your group continue to have an online meeting or hybrid?
- If you decide to continue with an online meeting check if it conflicts with other group times or find a gap where an online meeting would serve best.
- Update your meeting info with Intergroup, District and Area.





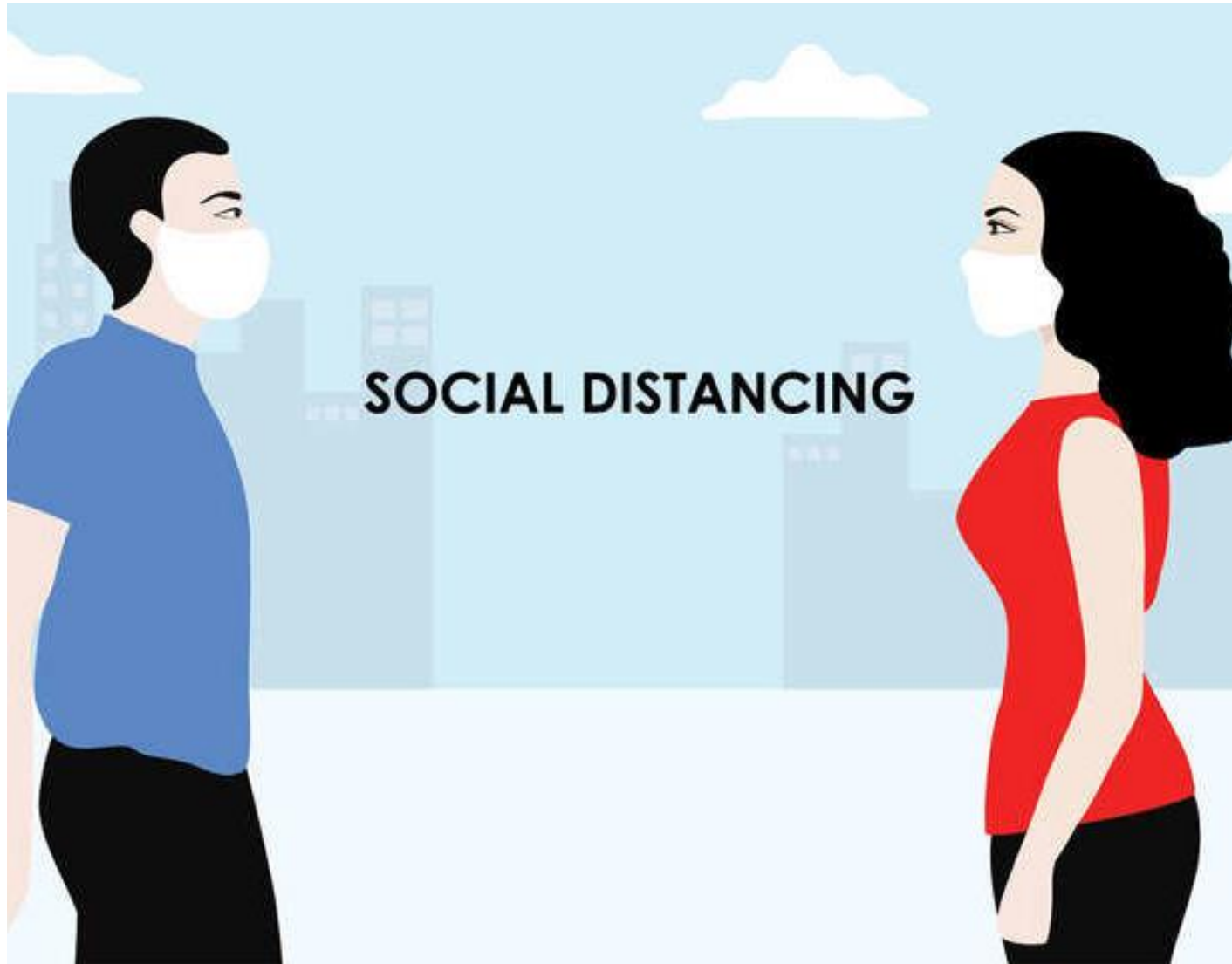
7th Tradition

- Consider having one group member carry the physical basket
- Provide gloves to collector/treasurer
- Explore digital options



PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

- Consult local requirements.
- If someone chooses not to comply or is unable to comply with requirements perhaps have online options prepared in advance, group member phone numbers, etc.
- Meetings could provide masks for free or for sale.
- Make hand sanitizer available to attendees (non alcoholic most likely will not comply with local standards)
- Gloves for group members handling 7th, meeting materials, etc.



Social Distancing

- Seating is arranged 2 meters apart
- Greeters: no handshakes or hugs
- Consider fellowship before and after the meeting outside of the meeting venue

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Contact Tracing

- What is it?
- Consider how your group would inform other members and attendees if someone attended and tested positive for COVID-19
- Consider if/how your group will participate in contact tracing
- Consider how your group will handle confidentiality/anonymity
- Consider adding information in the meeting script to explain contact tracing



CONSIDER NEW OR REVISED SERVICE POSITIONS

- Spiritual Sanitizer
- Revised greeter duties
- Designated 7th Tradition basket collector
- Technology committee (rotating, of course!)

OUR TRADITIONS

- *Above all, each group is asked to consider the AA Principles as the guiding force to a group conscience &, in particular, to pay close attention to the following Traditions:*
- Tradition 1 Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
- Tradition 4 Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups, or A.A. as a whole.
- Tradition 5 Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- Tradition 7 Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- Tradition 10 Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues, hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
- Tradition 11 Our public relations policy is based upon attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio & films.
- Tradition 12 Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

THE TWELVE TRADITIONS OF AA

COMMON WELFARE SHOULD COME FIRST;
PERSONAL RECOVERY DEPENDS UPON AA UNITY.

OUR GROUP PURPOSE THERE IS BUT ONE
THE AUTHORITY – A LOVING GOD AS HE MAY
HIMSELF IN OUR GROUP CONSCIENCE.
OFFICERS ARE BUT TRUSTED SERVANTS; THEY
NEVER.

REQUIREMENT FOR AA MEMBERSHIP
IS TO STOP DRINKING.

GROUP SHOULD BE AUTONOMOUS
EXCEPT IN MATTERS AFFECTING OTHER GROUPS
OR A.A.

GROUPS BUT ONE PRIMARY PURPOSE
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WE NEVER ENDORSE, FINAN-
CE OR ASSISTANCE TO ANY RELATED FACI-
LITY, NOR SHOULD WE, IN ANY MANNER,
LET PROBLEMS OF OTHERS
DISTRACT OR DIVERT US

7. EVERY AA GROUP OUGHT TO BE FULLY
SELF-SUPPORTING, DECLINING OUTSIDE CONTRI-

8. AA SHOULD REMAIN FOREVER NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONAL, BUT OUR SERVICE CENTERS MAY EMPLOY
SPECIAL WORKERS.

9. AA, AS SUCH, OUGHT NEVER BE ORGANIZED
FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS. WE MAY CREATE SERVICE BOARDS OR COM-
MITTEES DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THOSE THEY
SERVE.

10. AA HAS NO OPINION ON OUTSIDE ISSUES.
THE AA NAME OUGHT NEVER BE DRAWN INTO
PUBLIC CONTROVERSY.

11. OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS POLICY IS BASED
UPON ATTRACTION RATHER THAN PROMOTION; WE
ALWAYS MAINTAIN PERSONAL ANONYMITY AT THE
LEVEL OF PRESS, RADIO, AND FILMS.

12. ANONYMITY IS THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION
OF ALL OUR TRADITIONS, EVER REMINDING US
TO PLACE PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES.

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Please see this [link for further details](#) on related events during the Covid-19 outbreak. Please check back, as we will continue to add updates to this link as they develop.

2020 International Convention, July 2-5, Detroit, Michigan, is Canceled
Announcement by Michele Grinberg, Chair of the General Service Board of A.A.



WHO WE ARE

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they



RESOURCES

- Please see the Area 83 website - AREA 83 COVID-19 INFORMATION
- On this page you will find an extensive list of A.A. and governmental links

THINGS TO REMEMBER....

Together ...



... We Can

- A.A. is not above the law
- What we do can and does affect A.A. as whole and our ability to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic
- We are at all times guided by an informed group conscience and our Traditions
- We are never alone

A photograph of Barack Obama, the 44th President of the United States, pointing directly at the camera with a slight smile. He is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a red tie. The background is a blue wall with a large, faint white 'S' and 'C' logo. A gold tassel is visible on the left side.

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR ATTENTION