

Recommendations on Reconvening Meetings of the Rotary Club of Galveston

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Guiding Principles

Fellowship and community engagement is at the core of the Rotary Club of Galveston, and returning to Rotary activities as soon as deemed safe consistent with the below principles.

1. Our strategies will be in alignment with the local health authority, and state and national guidelines.
2. Restart of meetings will adhere to public health safety measures (e.g., physical distancing, wearing masks in community spaces, sanitation, and restrictions on large group meetings) as much as feasible.
3. We recommend a general strategy of phased re-entry. This may differ across the organization depending on the urgency and nature of the event.
4. We recognize substantive differences in various community engagement activities and suggest sufficient flexibility for each program to optimize a plan for their particular situations.
5. Online or virtual programs should be emphasized when and where possible

Meetings

- A. In person-group meetings may resume when recommended by the county health department.
- B. In person-group meeting should mandate face masks, hand sanitizing, and social distancing during the meeting
- C. Symptom screening should occur prior to allowing attendee entrance as discussed below.

Masking:

- A. All attendees (members and visitors) are required to wear facemasks during Rotary meetings.

- B. Facemasks must be worn continuously while in group interaction spaces. Masks may be removed while in private settings.
- C. Upon entry, disposable surgical masks will be made available through designated entry points.
- D. In lieu of disposable surgical masks, personal face covering or cloth masks can be used. Personal face covering should be laundered weekly or more frequently as needed. Disposable surgical masks should be discarded daily.

Hand sanitizing:

- A. All attendees will be required to cleanse their hands with either soap and water for 20 seconds or use a 70% or greater alcohol-based sanitizing solution.
- B. Hand shaking or close personal contact greetings will be discouraged.

Social Distancing:

- A. All attendees (members and visitors) must maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet wherever possible.
- B. No more than 50 persons should congregate for any face-to-face activity.
- C. Teleconferencing is highly encouraged.

Meals:

- A. Recommend that group dine in meals be suspended for the time being
- B. Meals should be provide as take out box lunches for meeting participants

Screening:

- A. All attendees will be provided in advance of scheduled meetings a questionnaire to be self-administered to determine if they have had COVID or been in contact with a household member with COVID-19 in last 14 days, or if they are currently ill. Those with a positive response will be requested to avoid attending the meetings until all symptoms have resolved for at least 14 days.
- B. Individuals with a positive COVID-19 test within the last 14 days or positive response to the screening questionnaire will NOT be admitted entrance to that particular meeting.
- C. Individuals with upper respiratory symptoms will be requested not to enter into the meeting facility or attend the in person meeting.