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Coronavirus – COVID-19 – Potential Impact for D.A. Members/Meetings

The General Service Office and the GSB have received a number of inquiries regarding the ongoing impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) on D.A. face-to-face meetings and the General Service Office, as well as the annual World Service Conference in 2021.

We will follow the guidelines and recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC, U.S.-based) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE — Hours of Operation

The General Service Office of Debtors Anonymous, located in Needham, Massachusetts has resumed normal hours of operation. Please anticipate that there still may be a delay in fulfilling literature orders.

We ask that you please continue to limit your communication with the General Service Office to email at office@debtorsanonymous.org

If you are a member and are considering sending a contribution, please make your contribution through the Debtors Anonymous website at <https://debtorsanonymous.org/contribute>

This will be most helpful and appreciated. Thank you for your patience.

FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS

Many administrators of churches, hospitals, and other spaces have stayed closed to D.A. and other 12-Step meetings, either for a specific length of time or indefinitely. In some areas of the world, face-to-face meetings are returning with certain restrictions.

Please make updates to your meeting listing as needed on the world D.A. website at <https://debtorsanonymous.org/meetings>

The list of D.A. meetings that have temporarily moved to teleconference or video conference (in the meeting's time zone) with access information is available at <https://debtorsanonymous.org/temp-list>

All groups are autonomous; D.A. as a whole cannot advise any group toward any single course of action in this matter. Gathering information from reliable professional sources might help contribute to an informed group conscience. Ultimately, it is up to each member and each group to make decisions about attending and holding meetings, considering their own individual and collective health and safety considerations.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends if COVID-19 is spreading in your community to stay safe by taking these simple precautions:

- physical distancing
- wearing a mask
- keeping rooms well ventilated
- avoiding crowds
- cleaning your hands
- coughing into a bent elbow or tissue
- Checking local advice where you live and work.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) now recommends that fully vaccinated people in the U.S. no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, *except* where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Unvaccinated people should:

- Wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth
- Stay 6 feet apart from others outside the household.
- Get a COVID-19 vaccine when it is available.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Wash hands often with soap and water.

D.A. TELEPHONE AND INTERNET MEETINGS

There are currently many established D.A. telephone, Internet, and Skype meetings. These meetings can be found on the D.A. website under “Find a Meeting” – which lists Telephone, Internet, and Skype meetings.

There is also an Intergroup specifically for telephone meetings: the Debtors Anonymous Telephone Intergroup (DATIG). The DATIG website lists all the current telephone meetings and may also include additional resources, such as meeting formats and contacts:

<http://www.datig.net/>

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

The 2021 World Service Conference will take place virtually on a videoconference platform. Any updates on the status of the 2021 World Service Conference will be relayed to the Fellowship on the website at debtorsanonymous.org/wsc

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

If you have the desire to incur unsecured debt, reach out for help to others in the Fellowship, or call or email contacts at your local or Regional Intergroup.

Thank you for sharing this information at meetings and with other members. We wish everyone good health and continued recovery in D.A.