



May 20 IFAA Town Hall Takeaways

Public Health Considerations

- Dept of Public Health can provide guidance and proper forms to be displayed for in-person meetings; the guidelines are based on what type of facility you are in, forms can be downloaded online and printed; discuss with facility contacts how to proceed with guidelines
 - Guidelines for [churches](#)
 - Guidelines for [recreation centers / YMCA](#)
- No longer need to do temperature checks and ask pre-screening questions as people enter a building
- Can be inside at 50% capacity (determined by fire marshal postings in facility)
- SFDPH support contact cbosites@sfdph.org - email this workgroup for any questions around facility guidelines, also have people available to come assess a space, help connect / meet with church staff to facilitate the transition (they have a sector dedicated to religious spaces specifically)

Insurance / Liability Considerations

- If someone gets covid and sues the *meeting or AA* and the meeting is following the guidelines, the responsibility is on the facility, not on the meeting or AA
- Follow 1) State, 2) Local, 3) Facility guidelines without question
- Communicable diseases have never been (and are currently not) covered under IFAA insurance policy; no risk of being legitimately sued for COVID infection

Club and Fellowship Panel

- *Seating arrangement example*: table for secretary and speaker 6ft apart. Two mics and people who share come up to mic and everyone wears masks.
- *7th Tradition example*: One person walks around with a basket (with a handle) while wearing a glove. Keep the pink H&I can open with no lid so no one needs to grab it
- *Hybrid Meetings and Tech*: this option may marry better with AA Club Houses due to hardware cost & maintenance issues; connect with <http://www.sfgratitude.org/> to see their current set up; consider A/V options
- *Contact tracing example*: Mission fellowship has everyone leave phone numbers and they get destroyed after 1 week; Dry Dock collects first name, last initial, phone and email which gets destroyed after 1 month (also this info is used for pre-registration)
- Thinking about how to preserve the online community that has sprung up directly due to online meetings; many members were unaware that AA has an online (Zoom) Fellowship which has been in existence for 10+ years
 - How can we accommodate the increased accessibility that has been gained through online meetings? If we just drop online meetings and don't provide hybrid options for those attendees to continue to attend, we will be cutting all those people out

- As meetings reopen while there are still CDC capacity restrictions (currently 50%) in place, larger meetings may need to consider technology for online pre-registration for seating, e.g. SignUpGenius (Dry Dock is using this).
 - There are some ordinances that are in conflict with some A.A. principles and this may affect some meetings more than others. Turning people away is not something we do, but following ordinances means not letting people in when a specific capacity or percentage is met
 - Mission Fellowship has a phone number to text for registration
 - Also need to consider how meetings want to handle excess in-person capacity (show-ups with no pre-registration) opposite Church's capacity restrictions imposed upon them. For example, the attendance at “Artists & Writers” and “Sometimes Slowly” meetings have been historically standing room only.
- Accessibility areas of concern: Members feeling safe returning and the need to comply with local regulations, groups knowing what those are and how to follow them; many meetings have lost their physical spaces and have no place to go back to; challenges for those who are hard of hearing and rely on lip reading which will be restricted with members wearing masks in the rooms; continued issues with members having access to online meetings, some not having the tech equipment needed, or access to wifi or knowing how to use technology