



**San Diego County
Intergroup, Inc.**

Considerations for Reopening

This is a list of issues your group may use to consider as it moves forward. **These are not to be seen as direct recommendations.** This list was compiled from documents from other OA and 12-step groups.

Our traditions state:

- For our group purpose here is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience.
- Each group should be autonomous.

Whether your meeting decides to continue exclusively on Zoom, moving the meeting to in-person only, or going “hybrid” (a combination of in-person and virtual), remember that our higher power guides us through this process if we ask for help.

IMPORTANT: Please keep your meeting information on <http://oasandiego.org> updated by sending changes to webmaster@oasandiego.org.

General Considerations

1. Will a hybrid meeting best serve the needs of your group?
2. Is there merit to maintaining separate virtual and in-person meetings?
3. How is the group ensuring that in-person and virtual participants have equal opportunity to share and feel included?
4. Does the meeting format need to be rewritten?
5. Is hugging allowed? Hand shaking? Holding hands? Passing the basket? Passing the literature to readers? Passing around the token?
6. How do you best facilitate discussion between people in person and on Zoom?
7. What health suggestions and procedures will the group make and how and when will these suggestions be conveyed?
8. How does the group work with members who don't respect these health suggestions and procedures?
9. Does the group have the technical capability to provide for a hybrid meeting?
10. Will reconvening procedures conform to OA Traditions and Concepts?
11. If your group decides to host concurrent meetings, will they have the same name in the directory and on the meeting list, or will they become two separate groups?
12. Is this a permanent change?

Health Issues

As groups meet to consider reopening, we urge them to consult and follow CDC and local guidelines to protect members, our fellowship as a whole and others with whom we come in contact.

1. **Health Screening:** Will you require health screening? Will you have someone appointed at each meeting to take forehead temperatures with an infrared thermometer and/or ask people if they have symptoms? What is the temperature above which a member will not be allowed to enter?
2. **Vaccination / Testing:** Do attendees need to show proof of full vaccination or recent negative COVID test? Who will check these records, and will they be kept on file? How would anonymity be protected?
3. **Symptoms / Exposure:** What will be your group's policy if an attendee is openly sick (e.g., coughing and/or feverish) or has been exposed?
4. **Release:** Will you require people to sign a release acknowledging that we cannot guarantee their protection from Covid?

Meeting Space

The facilities in which we meet may also have their own guidelines. Work closely with the venue where you hold your meetings to determine how best to configure and utilize your meeting space.

1. **Criteria:** What criteria has the location established for allowing the group to reconvene and are additional supplies needed?
2. **Rent:** Will rental payments to the location for use of the facility be the same?
3. **Capacity:** What is the maximum capacity allowed in the room? How will you set up the chairs in the room? Are chairs allowed to be moved? If you have a maximum limit, how do you ensure that the number of attendees is not exceeded?
4. **Reservations:** Will you use a reservation system? What if the number of people interested in attending the meeting in person exceeds available seating?
5. **Masking:** What is your masking policy? Is it different for fully immunized members?
6. **Physical Materials:** How will items such as 7th tradition baskets, meeting binders, literature, meeting and phone lists, tokens, etc. be handled?
7. **Drinks:** What is the policy on bringing drinks?
8. **Hand Sanitizer:** Will hand sanitizer be made available and required and/or encouraged? How will sanitizing the room before and after a meeting be handled?
9. **Bathrooms:** Will bathrooms be equipped with disinfectant and wiped down after each use? Will additional cleaning procedures and supplies be required?
10. **Air Flow:** Will windows and/or doors be propped open to provide maximum air flow? Will location opening and closing procedures be the same?