



Arizona State Council Knights of Columbus

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Office of the State Deputy

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Updated Directives on Meetings and Events

Brothers,

After carefully considering the most recent guidelines for public gatherings in the Arizona Dioceses, I have decided to update my directives on Council meetings and events, starting Tuesday September 8 2020 as follows:

- In-person council meetings and events will be allowed based on the guidelines issued in each diocese.
- For guidelines in the Diocese of Phoenix please click [here](#).
- For guidance in the Diocese of Gallup please click [here](#).
- In the Diocese of Tucson, in-person meetings are NOT permitted on parish property. Bishop Weisenburger informed me that if things continue to improve he will be willing to relax his guidelines in October.
- Councils who wish to hold in-person meetings other than on parish property can do so provided that they abide by the following conditions:
 - ⇒ All must practice proper physical distancing and stay at least 6 feet away from other participants and activity facilitators.
 - ⇒ Activities should take place in a large enough area to permit physical distancing at all times and to promote good ventilation.
 - ⇒ Participants should wear a face mask/facial covering
 - ⇒ Access to soap and water for handwashing and/or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer needs to be provided. Good hygiene practices before, during and after activities is required. **Do not touch eyes, nose, or mouth.**
 - ⇒ Symptom screening for facilitators and participants prior to the start of any activity needs to be implemented. Screening may include:
 - Questions about symptoms, contact with COVID-19 positive individuals, high risk activities, travel to high risk areas, and other.
 - Providing temperature checks.
 - ⇒ Participants need to be informed about the expectations and guidance prior to participation. This includes:
 - Stay home if sick.

- Those at higher risk for severe illness should avoid attending. People at higher risk for severe illness include adults 65 or older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions.
 - Those who do not clear symptom screening will not be able to participate.
- ⇒ The highest ranking Knights of Columbus official at a meeting or event should oversee the maintaining of physical distancing, hygiene expectations and monitoring explained above.
- ⇒ Make sure that all participants understand that we are taking these precautions to help reduce the risk of transmission. Despite these efforts, however, during this pandemic there remains a risk of exposure any time there is contact with others, such as when out in public or in group settings. Those who are vulnerable, sick, or concerned about exposure should stay home and limit contact with others. Efforts should be made to provide opportunities to participate virtually for those who cannot attend or choose not to attend in person.
- ⇒ Ultimately, everyone is responsible for their own personal choices, including accepting the risks of exposure by participating in in-person meetings and events. All who choose to participate should openly acknowledge and accept the risks inherent in participation.

Vivat Jesus!



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