



## **NWNJNA Public Relations Announcement Regarding In-Person Meetings**

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We can hold and run our meetings with respect to the Traditions: 4 speaks of autonomy, 10 refers to avoiding public controversy, and 12 encourages us to live spiritually in all our affairs. We need to consider other groups, NA as a whole, and the facilities where we meet - especially when we are in view of the public.

### **Referring to parts of the NJ state guidelines (NJ Executive Orders 163 and 183):**

Indoor gatherings [must be limited](#) to **25** people or 25% of a room's capacity -- whichever number is lower. All attendees at indoor gatherings must wear face coverings and stay six feet apart.

Outdoor gatherings [must be limited](#) to 500 people and social distancing must be practiced. There are no limits for First Amendment-protected outdoor activities, such as political protests of any persuasion or outdoor religious services.

Additional requirements for outdoor gatherings include the following:

- Require attendees to be six feet apart at all times, excluding immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners;
- Prohibit contact between attendees;
- If the event is an organized gathering, the organizer should mark off six feet of spacing in the area of the gathering to demonstrate appropriate spacing for social distancing;
- Prohibit sharing of any physical items provided and require sanitization before and after each use, e.g., keytags, announcements, etc.
- Require contactless pay options wherever feasible.

*\*\*\* Please keep up to date on the Executive Orders for additional guidelines and revisions. \*\*\**

- Please respect other members by placing physical objects such as the 7th Tradition basket and keytags in a stationary location.

We need to continue to follow the rules of the facility including smoking, noise level, and garbage. We do not want to lose the few meeting privileges that we have! Please be mindful of smoking in the meeting circle, cleaning up after ourselves, and respecting the properties where we are meeting.

If you need help or ideas about how to structure your meeting during the global pandemic, please check out NAWS' COVID-19 Resources page at [https://na.org/?ID=virtual\\_meetings#covid](https://na.org/?ID=virtual_meetings#covid)  
(naws.com > For Our Members > Virtual Meetings)

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