
Corona Virus Emergency Update

ANNOUNCEMENT: The health and safety of our volunteers and staff are of utmost importance to us in leadership. We are acutely aware of our responsibility in this moment and are closely monitoring the details and information related to COVID-19. Accordingly, we are taking the following temporary measures.

Office: usual business hours for the office (11am -5pm) are suspended. We expect to re-open the office on March 31 at 11 am. The office is not off limits for those who want to use it: we are suspending business hours so our volunteer office staff will not feel pressure to be there when they would prefer to abide by social distancing practices to keep themselves, their families, and others safe.

Meetings:

1. March 16 DEC meeting: we will hold a digital meeting. The meeting will be informational. WE have important bylaw changes we need to review. We must make bylaw changes to be in compliance with the FDP bylaws. Meeting will start at 6:30 pm but you can attend from home. Join our Zoom Meeting by putting this link in your browser:
<https://zoom.us/j/6867037788>
2. Club and Caucus meetings, Regional and Committee meetings: we encourage all groups to consider holding digital meetings. We have created a business Zoom account that all may use to conduct Club, Caucus, and committee meetings. All chairs, leaders, will receive an email invite with the log in information for this tool.

3. Spring Fling: we are proceeding with plans to hold our Spring Fling in 5 weeks. If community spread of this disease is still on the upswing we will postpone or cancel. Please stay tuned.

Precinct Work: Days of Action: We are NOT saying you cannot or should not canvass but we do advise that you consider one of the most important preventative approaches to disease prevention and spread according to the CDC, is Social Distancing. For this weekend we will be organizing phone banks and texting voters using SendDems. Our focus will be recruitment of volunteers. For more information check events on mobilize. Janet is working on virtual phone banks and scripts.

Resources:

How to prevent the disease Covid 19:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds several times daily and after sneezing, coughing or blowing your nose. Use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content.
2. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
3. If you are sick, wear a mask around other people.
4. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (phone, door knobs, refrigerator handles, etc.).
5. For more information see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus...>

Symptoms of Covid 19: fever, cough, shortness of breath. Symptoms may develop 2-14 days after exposure. A great resource is CDC.GOV

What do I do if I think I have Covid 19? Call your doctor if you have the symptoms above. Do not go into the office unless advised to do so: CALL FIRST!

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How do I care for myself if I have Covid 19: please see:

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