

Guidance from the Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Idaho
to Worshipful Masters and Lodge Officers:

The lists on the following pages are provided to the Officers of the Lodges, as an example, to follow, when adopting the safety rules/guidelines for your Lodge. Your Lodge will use them for safely resuming Masonic activities, given the conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic in your local area.

These rules and procedures are acceptable as they are. They can also be modified and/or expanded as necessary to best fit your situation.

The rules and procedures your lodge adopts should be made available to the Concordant and Appendant bodies meeting in your building. You should also agree with the groups using your building as to who will purchase which supplies.

You may edit the list. When done you can post it on your lodge's site in Grandview and print hard copies to post in your lodge.

For reopening authorization:

All the Grand Lodge requires for reopening your lodge is to send your Covid-19 Safety Rules electronically or by mail to the Grand Secretary at:

Grand lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho
Attn: Grand Secretary
219 N. 17th Street
Boise, ID 83702
gs@idahomasons.org

No other acknowledgement to reopen is necessary.

(Note: This page is informational only. Delete when done.)

Lodge Name _____

Lodge # _____

Date _____

COVID-19
SAFETY RULES / GUIDELINES
for Resuming Masonic Activities

Health Screening questionnaire at Entry

A member will take temperatures and check symptoms of everyone upon entry before each event or meeting. Everyone entering the Lodge building must successfully meet the criteria of the health screening before they enter the building.

1. Have you or any household members been, or are currently being, tested for COVID?
2. Are you exhibiting, or have exhibited, any new respiratory symptoms within the past 72 hours?
 - a. Sore throat
 - b. Cough
 - c. Shortness of breath
 - d. Loss of taste or smell
 - e. Chills/shaking
 - f. Muscle Pain
 - g. Headache
3. In the last 14 days, have you had close contact with anyone who is currently sick with respiratory illness or fever or anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
4. Take temperature - If temperature is 100.0 degrees or greater you should go home.

Supplies to have on hand.

- **Non-invasive Temporal thermometer. Two are suggested to provide a back-up.** (Must be a no touch thermometer)
- **Facemasks.** (Cloth or Paper)
- **Hand Sanitizer**
- **Non-permeable Gloves** (Avoid latex for allergy reasons)
- **Disinfectant Wipes**
- **CDC approved sanitizer**
- **Spray bottles or sprayer**
- **Appropriate containers to dispose of used gloves and masks**

Rules in the Lodge Building

- Everyone must pass the screening and temperature check at the door to gain admission to the lodge building.
- No more people can attend a meeting than can safely socially distance, given the size of the lodge room.
- Everyone entering the Lodge building is to use hand sanitizer after entering.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in convenient locations such as the Tyler's desk, the Secretary's desk, kitchen, dining room and the restrooms.
- Handwashing is suggested after entry, as well as the use of hand sanitizer during the meetings.
- Masks covering the nose and mouth will always be worn where 6 feet social distancing cannot be met successfully.
- No hand shaking.
- Minimize the amount of time members are in close contact with each other.
- Everyone is to maintain 6-foot distancing.
- Opening and closing on the 3rd degree are necessary exceptions: The WM, SW, & Deacons wear masks & gloves during Opening & Closing. Gloves are discarded after use in opening & new gloves used for closing, and then discarded after use as well.
- Introductions: SD goes to altar & invites person up to be introduced. They remain social distanced. Introduction is made & person returns to seat un-escorted. If a group is too large to provide social distancing, they can be introduced from the sidelines.
- Grand Master's Introduction: DDGM goes to altar & invites Grand Master up to be introduced. They remain social distanced. Introduction is made & Grand Master is then invited to East by WM where honors are given.
- When DDGM and/or Grand Master is invited to the East: Chairs will be spread apart in East to allow for distancing. Chairs may be moved down "on the level" if there is insufficient room on the "3rd step".
- Degrees: All participants in a degree including the Candidate, that cannot social distance, will wear masks & gloves. Otherwise the degree is normal.

Cleaning Before and After Meeting Procedures

- All Lodge rooms are to be sterilized by using a CDC approved sanitizer, such as a solution of at least 70% alcohol in a spray bottle, misting all touchable surfaces such as the doorknobs, hand rails, steward and deacon rods, Master's gavel, secretary's desk, seating area and altar before the Bible is laid there. To be effective, the solution must remain wet on the surface for 1 minute and then it can be dried off with a single use towel. (*special handling may be required for vinyl or leather*)
- The lodge room is to be sanitized again in the manner stated above as the last act before closing and locking the building.

Meals and Snacks

- **Lodge officers will decide if meals and snacks should be served.**
- Prepackaged meals and snacks are preferred.
- No buffet style or family style meal service.
- If food is cooked and served, the cook will wear a mask and gloves during preparation.
- If food is served to attendees, designated servers, wearing masks and gloves, will handle serving utensils and serve food to guests to reduce spread of germs.
- Prepackaged single serving beverages are preferred.
- Paper plates, cups and plastic table service are preferred.

COVID-19 SAFETY RULES / GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY:

Lodge Name _____ Lodge # _____

Worshipful Master Signature: _____

Date: _____
