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## **DIRECTIONS FOR MEETINGS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**Phase One: Rainbow Guidelines for Returning to In-Person Meetings**  
(Allowed only with the permission of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge where you meet)  
**Effective: October 1, 2020**

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**All Assemblies – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month IN PERSON**  
**All Assemblies – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month via ZOOM**

### **Responsibilities of ADULTS Prior to and After the Meeting:**

- Provide Hand Sanitizer for everyone entering the Lodge and Assembly Room
- All surfaces must be wiped with a disinfecting wipe (Clorox or equal). This includes Bible, Flagpole, Ballot Box, Gavel and Arms on Chairs, etc.)
- All areas mentioned in the above “Bullet Point” must be wiped with a disinfecting wipe (Clorox or equal) wipe **after** the meeting.
- If balloting, provide one latex/vinyl glove for left hand of each girl present (must be used when she ballots). The Worthy Advisor and Sister of Faith will need a glove for both hands during Balloting – Worthy Advisor will destroy the ballot and Faith will be carrying the Ballot Box to and from the Altar.
- Mark chairs on North and South for social distancing (at least 6 feet apart)
- Separate and mark officers’ chairs for social distancing as much as possible

### **Rainbow Meetings:**

- **Mask Must be Worn and Social Distancing** will be observed by all girls and adults. Adults will confirm these two practices throughout the meeting.
- **In-Person Meeting:**
  1. The First meeting of the month will include Ritualistic Opening and Closing. In addition, the Order of Business in the Ritual will be followed. (page 35)
  2. **Exception:** Initiation Ceremony will continue to be deferred until new guidance is received from the Supreme Inspector. The “Oath” (aka Obligation) will be given by the Worthy Advisor, or another Rainbow Girl to Candidate(s) at the Altar following instruction guidance for receiving new members during COVID-19. Our Full Initiation ceremony will be conducted at a later date.
  3. Attire for this meeting will be FORMAL.
  4. We are not allowed to sing at this time, so I suggest that a recording of “America”, “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” and “My Rainbow” be available and played softly during the appropriate times of the meeting.

- **Zoom Meeting:**
  1. The Second meeting of the month will be conducted in the format currently used for Opening and Closing. Rainbow appropriate attire at this meeting will be Texas Uniform or Assembly t-shirts. This meeting is to include the following:
  2. **October:** Invite a Guest Speaker for Youth Protection (*Report using the Youth Protection guidelines; see website*) or some other interesting topic.
  3. **November:** Service Project – Make “Thanksgiving”, decorations using pinecones, etc. (several video’s online) Girls should select who will receive the items made.
  4. **December:** Have a Girl or Adult read a Christmas story. Girls can make and fill a Christmas stocking, cost not to exceed \$10.00 which they will exchange by giving a number to each girl who participates and to each stocking. The WA and the WAA will have separate sets of numbers and will draw one number each from their own set to determine the gift distribution.
  5. **The above activities are just examples, please plan what is best for the Girls.**

### **Food in Lodge:**

- Meals prior to the meeting and Refreshments after the meetings are NOT allowed.
- Bottled water and individually wrapped cupcakes, cookies, etc. may be given to each girl as she leaves the Lodge.

### **Visitors:**

- In **Phase One**, we will ***NOT*** have visitors attending our In-person meetings due to maintaining safety precautions. Of course, all visitors are welcome to the Zoom meeting (second meeting of the month).
- **Honor Meetings**, will continue to be on Zoom Meetings.

### **General Information:**

- **Board Meetings**, may take place in person, following all protocol for your area.
- **Grand Deputy**, please check immediately with your Assembly, (Assemblies), to confirm the Mother Advisor and Chairman have received this document and have a good understanding of ALL information.
- **Mother Advisor**, please make sure all girls have been informed and understand ALL information in this document immediately.
- **Board Chairman**, please make sure all Board Members have been informed and understand ALL information in this document immediately.
- **Grand Executive Committee Members**, will make sure all other Adult Grand Officers have received this document and have a good understanding of ALL information.

**Thank you for understanding that all of these precautions are for the safety and well being of our girls. You, as adults, set the example for the girls and I know you will want to do what is best for them and others. We will work together to make Texas Rainbow a safe environment for everyone.**

With my gratitude,



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See: [www.txior.org/Resources/Guidelines for Texas/COVID-19](http://www.txior.org/Resources/Guidelines%20for%20Texas/COVID-19)