

July 5, 2022

Greetings Brothers,

We are yet one day closer to our **83rd Grand Conclave** in the beautiful city of **Charlotte, North Carolina**. With that in mind, we want you to know that nothing is more important to us than your personal safety and welfare.

While a domestic relaxation of Covid-19 measures has occurred in and around our respective circles, your Fraternity continues to take great care to keep you free of infection. We encourage each Brother to not only review the Conclave-19 Protocols listed below but consider printing a copy and keeping them nearby for future reference throughout your time in Charlotte.

We extend a heartfelt thanks to our **Covid-19 Task Force** for their guidance and insights concerning crafting these very important protocols.

COVID-19 Conclave Plans and Protocols

DISCLAIMER – *This information and/or suggestions is for informational purposes only. It is not intended to supersede or replace any treatment plans, suggestions, or recommendations by your own Personal Care Physician or Health Care Provider or used as medical advice.*

Pre-Travel Suggestions

- **3-5 days before departure/arrival, limit your exposures by only doing essential errands and/or job (self-quarantine)**
 - This will limit possible exposure to SARS-CoV-2 virus and variants
 - Avoid hanging out if you really don't need to
 - Avoid being around any family/friends with cold-like, flu-like, or increased allergy symptoms
- **Consider testing for COVID-19**
 - Get a PCR test, no sooner than 72 hours prior to arrival
 - Perform a self-test at home, no sooner than 48 hours prior to travel/arrival
- **Vaccination(s)**
 - For those who choose to vaccinate, and I highly recommend vaccination
 - Complete/start your primary vaccine series
 - Will take at least 2 weeks to build antibodies
 - Complete/get your booster(s).
 - Booster will still need 2 weeks to build antibodies
 - 1st Booster – will depend on your primary series. Can mix/match vaccines at this point. Check with your personal physician/health provider.



Conclave Time

- **Unofficial Gatherings/Suites**
 - **Indoor events where you cannot socially distance and ensure adequate ventilation.**
 - We recommend that you consider wearing a mask. Particularly, if the local community transmission rate is moderate and you have underlying medical risks, are immunocompromised, or are unvaccinated. ***If the local community transmission rate is high wear a mask regardless of vaccination, health, or immune status.***
 - We encourage frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds; and/or otherwise use hand sanitizer.
- **Officially Sanctioned Indoor Events**
 - Follow the guidelines, and directions as prescribed by the Fraternity and the Covid-19 Task Force.
- If you have any cold or allergy symptoms including a cough or fever, consider doing a self-test BEFORE you attend any events. Please wear a mask for both your safety and that of everyone with whom you will else.

Post-Travel Suggestions

- **Self-Testing**
 - Perform a self-test within 24-48 hours, upon arrival back home. If negative repeat in 24-48 hours to make certain it is not a false-negative. This is recommended regardless of known or suspected exposure to anyone with asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2
- **What to do if you have been informed of an active case and/or you were exposed by a Fraternity Member**
 - First and foremost, contact your Primary Care Physician, or Health Care Provider.
 - Post-Exposure: This means that you were in close contact (*within 6 ft or less*) for 15 minutes or more, and not wearing a mask.
 - Get tested **IMMEDIATELY** if you have any COVID, URI, or allergy symptoms.
 - Without symptoms, test **5 days after exposure.**
 - Again, be sure to notify your Primary Care Physician or Health Care Provider.
 - Day 0 is the day the member tested positive.

There will be on-site COVID-19 testing for those who would like to be tested.

Thanks

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