

# The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS



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## Directive

**May 17, 2021**

Governor John Bel Edwards announced additional easing of mask requirements. Further, the Center for Disease Control has issued new guidelines on gatherings, lifting many of their previously restrictive recommendations.

Therefore, I am issuing the following directive to allow our constituent lodges to resume further activities, without restrictions.

- Commencing May 17, 2021 Lodges may hold Stated and Special Communications, including meetings involving public attendance.
- Meals are allowed in the usual manner prior to Covid-19 mandates and restrictions.
- Lodges are encouraged to have hand sanitizer available in the Lodge building.
- Worshipful Masters will see that their Lodges are adhering to the Center For Disease Control guidelines and those mandates of our State and Local governing bodies in Louisiana.

Members and their families are strongly encouraged to receive one of the Covid-19 vaccines. Most importantly, all Louisiana Masons are strongly encouraged NOT to attend Lodge if they have any signs of illness or do not feel comfortable attending Lodge at the present time. Masons must self-screen for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 before attending any Lodge meeting. Those individuals considered to be "at-risk", including those who are 65 or older, and especially those with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; weakened immune system or other risk factors are encouraged not to attend Lodge. You are the sole decision-maker as to whether you should attend Lodge. There is nothing more important at this time than the continued well-being of our Louisiana Masons.

Fraternally,

Terrell D. "Terry" Fowler  
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