

The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS



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Directive

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Today, Governor John Bel Edwards announced at statewide mask mandate for all indoor gatherings. This mandate is effective Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Further, this mirrors the Center for Disease Control new recommendations on indoor gatherings regardless of being vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Therefore, I am issuing the following directive to allow our constituent lodges to continue activities, with the following restrictions:

- Effective Tuesday, August 3, 2021, Lodges may continue to hold Stated and Special Communications, **excluding** all meetings involving public attendance.
- Masks must be worn at all times while indoors, except while eating meals.
- Meals are permissible in the usual manner, with recommendations to having dedicated servers.
- Lodges are encouraged to have hand sanitizer available in the Lodge building and practice social distancing
- 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 any 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,

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