



Chapter Guidelines for September 2020

- ❖ Permission is granted for Chapters to meet for their September stated meeting within Phase 1 Guidelines. All chapters meeting in September will meet within Phase 1 Guidelines.
 - Evaluate current conditions in your community with regard to the Covid-19 impact and levels. Refer to DHHS and CDC levels and recommendations. Community levels of infection will be reflected in the risk level to that entire community and your chapter, members, and facility.
 - Communicate with your members and listen to their current needs and conditions.
 - Please communicate directly to the Worthy Grand Matron your chapter's choice and follow up with any needs, concerns, observations that result from your meeting. THANK YOU!
- ❖ If your chapter met in August, the choice needs to be made for your September stated meeting.
 - If the choice is to meet in September, you will meet within Phase 1 Guidelines.
 - Please notify the Worthy Grand Matron of your choice.
 - If your chapter does not meet in September, a dispensation is not required, merely communicate.
- ❖ If your chapter did not meet in August, the choice needs to be made for your September stated meeting.
 - If the choice is to meet in September, you will meet within Phase 1 Guidelines.
 - Please notify the Worthy Grand Matron of your choice.
 - If your chapter does not meet in September, a dispensation is not required, merely communicate.
- ❖ Dilly Dally Socials and HANG ON Blessing Bags are encouraged as opportunities to stay within low risk behaviors and stay connected to members and friends.
 - Individual and small group Dilly Dally Socials are a great tool to reach out and see members. If a chapter desires to meet in a larger Dilly Dally, please adhere to CDC and DHHS guidelines regarding distances, duration, and group numbers.
 - Distance, Duration, Disinfect, and Vitamin D are key ingredients for low risk socials.

Evaluating Your Chapter's Timeline for Entering Phase 1

Thank you for your consideration and placing the welfare and safety of your Chapter's members first and foremost. Please use this tool each month as you consider and determine the timing appropriate for your opening and entering Phase 1.

- Consult with local authorities to maintain your awareness of current mitigation levels in your area.
- Evaluate if your area's current level of risk makes opening your Chapter feasible with regard to the welfare of your members.
- Consult with officers and hear their perspectives regarding risk versus benefit to moving forward into Phase 1.
- Consider opening date and its impact on your members. Listen to your members' needs and concerns.
- Evaluate preparation needed for your building. Is it ready for your use?
- Are masks and sanitizers available for attendees when entering?
- Have plans been developed to establish social distancing when arriving and departing?
- Have plans been developed for establishing social distancing within your Chapter room?
- Are you prepared for maintaining the contact list of those attending your meetings?
- Are plans in place to sanitize the Chapter room, paraphernalia, and portions of building used following the meeting?
- Meeting dates are scheduled in the future, as the date approaches if risks and conditions evolve to be less safe a cancellation may become necessary. Continue to consider if opening is appropriate on your stated meeting date. Communication to all members is essential.
- Members whose health concerns make them uncomfortable or anxious about returning to meet and who choose not to attend must be assured, supported and treated with respect. Communications to inform and include them in Chapter information and business is essential.