

# MN Grand Guardian Council COVID Update

MAY 5, 2021

# Reminder...

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- There are multiple guidance's that need to be followed
  1. First is Job's Daughters International's guidance
  2. Second is our State and Local Guidance
  3. Third is the guidance of the building we meet in; for Lodge buildings we must follow the current Grand Lodge Edict
  4. Fourth is any additional guidance provided by MN Grand Guardian Council
- In the State of MN – Job's Daughters currently falls under the Youth Programs Category

# Still in effect...

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- The Constitution and Bylaws of JDI Law remain suspended to provide flexibility but we encourage discretion
- All BOT Policies including the JDI Youth Protection Policy remain in full effect
- As per previous communication, age of Majority is extended to 21 from March 15, 2020 until December 31, 2021 if desired by the Daughter
  - Daughter must decide when she turns 20 if she wishes to be a Majority Member or remain a Daughter until the age of 21
  - Can not change the decision once made
  - Form should be filled out and signed by Daughter and returned to GS Deb

# Supreme Guidance Update

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## Effective 5/1/21 – 5/31/21

- In-person events may (but are not required to) resume so long as they are in accordance with guidelines issued by Federal/Provincial/Territorial/State/Local authorities and health agencies AND with the 5 JDI recommendations below:
  - Mask wearing
  - Social distancing of 6 ft (2 meters)
  - Overnight/Sleepover events are specifically NOT recommended
  - Jurisdiction wide in-person events are allowed as long as they are in keeping with all other recommendations and guidelines, however cross Jurisdiction events are still NOT recommended.
  - Activity/meeting visitors or multiple Bethel in-person events are allowed as long as they are in keeping with all other recommendation and guidelines, however cross Jurisdiction visitors are specifically NOT recommended.

# Supreme Guidance Update

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- Waiver form for statewide events
- Health assessment question for attendees at Bethel events
- Eliminate sharing of material – pens, pencils, craft supplies
- Refer to JDI Forward Document for full details

# MN Youth Programs Update...

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Effective 4/30/21

- Strongly encourages staff (volunteers), who are 16+ to be vaccinated
- Youth programs should divide participants into groups of no more than 25 people indoors or 50 outdoors
- 6' social distancing
- Outdoor activities are strongly recommended when feasible
- Avoid shared/common supplies
- Facemasks are required at all times when indoors
  - When eating they may be temporarily removed
  - May be removed for sleeping
  - Strongly recommended for outdoor settings
- Attendees must be screened upon arrival

# Grand Lodge Updated Guidance

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- If you are sick...stay home!!
- Masks and six-foot social distancing are to be maintained in all lodge activities
- Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer
- In Person Meetings
  - Try to keep in person meetings to an hour or less and maintain social distancing
  - Keep a record of all people in attendance
  - Social distancing **MUST** be maintained at all times and capacity should not exceed 50% of the room capacity
  - No singing is currently permitted at the lodge building
  - No wind instruments can be used
- 48-hour ruling is still in place (for now)

# Grand Lodge Update...

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- Food in Lodge Buildings
  - If eating at the lodge, food is not to be prepared at the building but should be purchased from a commercial vendor and packaged individually for each person eating.
  - Serving of food is allowed if the plate is filled by an individual server and the plate placed for the individual to pick up maintaining a six-foot spacing.
  - Plates may also be served by a catering service to the individuals seated at tables of no more than 6 people. All eating and drinking by individuals must be done while seated at the table where masks may be removed while consuming food and drink. Coffee may be made available provided that hand sanitizer is used prior to each time using the serving device.
  - Cooking is only allowed at the lodge for the purpose fundraising and must be handled through pickup service with no food consumed at the lodge. Food is to be placed for the individual to pick up rather than slid from one person to the other

# MN Grand Guardian Council Guidance

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- The Exec GGC recommends that all Bethels still meet twice a month
  - At least one meeting should be a business meeting
  - The other can be a business meeting, combination business/fun event or just a fun event
- As of 1/1/21, for a Daughter to be eligible for election to the line, she must have no more than 2 unexcused absences.
  - During this time, if a member communicates to the Bethel Guardian prior to the meeting she will not be in attendance, she should be excused.
- Virtual Events
  - Sign-ups still need to be taken by Bethels for girls wanting to attend events virtually.
  - Girls must communicate to their BG if they are attending ANY Job's Daughters event, even if the event is virtual
  - Chaperone requirements must still be met on virtual events

# MN Grand Guardian Council Guidance

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- While term requirements of a 3-way project fundraiser, Go-to-Church, Initiation, Majority/Obligation Ceremony are not required, it is encouraged to find a way to make them happen virtually.
- If a Bethel chooses to meet in-person, the following process should be followed.
  - Preregistration of members to attend
  - An adult should be present at the door conducting a COVID screening check as attendees arrive, including temperature checks
  - Groups of no more than 25 people indoors or 50 outdoors
- Installations / Visiting Bethels
  - If indoors - preregistration of attendees
  - Outdoor is an option

# MN Grand Guardian Council Guidance

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- Bethel's must offer a hybrid meeting format so those not able to attend can participate
  - One adult's only job should be to monitor the virtual meeting, admitting those present, reporting voting of those on virtually, and providing those on the call virtually the ability to participate in discussion.

# Upcoming Events / Cancelations

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## **Canceled Events**

May 8<sup>th</sup> – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Statewide Initiation

May 29<sup>th</sup> – DeMolay Prom

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Masonic Family Day at Valleyfair

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Acacia Memorial Day Ceremony

## **Upcoming Events**

May 17<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> – MNJD Mental Health Awareness Week

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – MNJD Virtual Yoga Class - Registration link: <http://bit.ly/MNJDYoga>

May 29<sup>th</sup> – DeMolay Statewide Picnic – 4-8pm @ Andrews Park in Champlin - RSVP on MN DeMolay Facebook Page

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Jun 13<sup>th</sup> – Girls Rule Virtual Race 5K/10K - Registration link: <https://runsignup.com/mnjdgirlsrule>

June 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> – Grand Session @ Holiday Inn St Cloud - Registration link: <http://bit.ly/GrandSession2021>

June – MNJD Member Engagement Committee Installation Challenge

# Deadlines coming up...

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## **Friday May 14**

- Grand Session Registrations due
- Daughter Council Recommendations due
- Form 222's due
- 3-way split donations due
- HIKE donations due
- Necrology Ceremony Honoree Submissions due
- MN Spirit Award Applications due
- Committee and Event reports for Grand Session due to [proceedings@mnjd.org](mailto:proceedings@mnjd.org)

**June 30** – Supreme Registration Due

**July 1** – Camp Registration Due

# Other Reminders...

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- Bethel Term plans - Anticipate everything returning to normal after Supreme Session. Term plans should include:
  - 3-way split project
  - Go-to-Church
  - Initiation
  - Majority/Obligation Ceremony
- Continue requesting special dispensations when necessary
- Fundraiser orders
- Supreme is requesting pictures of Honored Queens from Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 for a slideshow – Please submit at this link <https://forms.gle/WTE1ZosLi1r4dm6E7>
- Riverfest July 8<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8:30pm & July 11<sup>th</sup> 11:30am – 5:30pm - Register to volunteer <http://bit.ly/MNJDRiverfest>
- CAV classes – let Wendy Dimatteo know if you have any adults in need of a CAV class.