



The Imperial Council

Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and its Jurisdictions, Inc.
Organized June 10, 1893; Incorporated November 10, 1901, Washington, D.C.

Acting Today on Tomorrow's Visions

**4th day of DULHEGGIA, Hegira 1442
Which corresponds to July 12, 2021**

To: The Imperial Domain

Subject: Re-Opening the Domain

Greetings Nobles and Daughters,

The Domain has eagerly awaited this day for opening. Thank you to our frontline Nobles and Daughters who have weathered through this pandemic and continue to serve to keep us safe.

Our members are our greatest concern and asset, so we will continue to take safety precautions as we begin to meet, gather, and serve our communities.

The CDC and individual state mandates will be our guiding references.

Based on the CDC recommendations (as of 5/28/2021), fully vaccinated individuals may resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations are required, including local business and workplace guidance.

We encourage all members to become vaccinated if they have not yet done so. To continue to protect those who are not vaccinated, participants of all gatherings or meetings under the banner of A.E.A.O.N.M.S. must:

- Be socially distanced, consistent with local rules, and at no less than three (3) feet apart.
- Wear a mask except when eating or drinking in designated areas.
- Be subjected to a temperature check upon entry into a closed space or building (thermometers to be provided by the applicable Temple/Court or venue). A prospective participant's temperature must be below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit to be permitted entry into the facility.

- Be denied entry if the person's temperature reads 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher or if the person reports feeling ill, is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms (including without limitation fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea), or is awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test. Any person experiencing any COVID-19 symptom shall be directed to seek immediate medical attention.

Additionally, all Temples and Courts are required to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and make available to participants disposable disinfectant wipes, cleaners, or sanitizers effective against COVID-19.

As CDC and state or other local guidelines change, please expect updates from this Committee.

Any questions regarding the reopening process please email reopening@aeaonms.org and we will respond within 24 hours. **(Please see next pages for A.E.A.O.N.M.S. COVID-19 FAQ related to this announcement.)**

All, please continue to stay safe as we work through this together!!

Continuous blessings,

The Re-Opening Committee



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A.E.A.O.N.M.S. COVID-19 FAQ

1. Who is responsible for instructing Nobles/Daughters who display COVID-19 like symptoms that they are not to enter or required to leave the meeting/building?

Illustrious Potentate / Illustrious Commandress or Designee

2. Can a Temple/Court continue to meet virtually?

Yes, if that is the consensus of the Temple/Court.

3. Will a hybrid meeting be allowed?

Yes, and verification of membership is required for admittance.

4. What is the requirement to determine if the Temple/Court will meet in person or continue meeting virtually?

The Temple/Court must vote with majority rule to determine the following:

- **To resume meeting in person without a hybrid meeting option.**
- **To meet in person with a hybrid option- allowing members to attend virtually if they choose not to attend an in-person meeting. This will be allowed until December 31, 2021.**
- **Remain virtual only. This will be allowed until December 31, 2021.**

5. If a Temple/Court chooses to do hybrid meetings, how long will hybrid meetings be allowed?

The end date for a hybrid meeting is 12/31/2021.

6. If you choose a hybrid meeting, can the Temple/Court be opened ritualistically, or do the members on Zoom need to be placed in a holding room?

If you are having a hybrid meeting, the members on Zoom must be placed in a holding room until the ritualistic opening has been completed.

A.E.A.O.N.M.S. COVID-19 FAQ (cont.)

7. Are the members on Zoom allowed to vote?

Yes, the vote will be taken by the moderator of the Zoom meeting.

8. If we are having a Hybrid meeting, can the altar be shown on Zoom?

No, the altar should not be visible on Zoom.

9. Are there capacity limits for meetings?

Capacity limit is based on CDC or State guidelines.

10. Will showing vaccination cards be a requirement to enter a meeting/building? **No**

11. Will Temples/Courts be reimbursed for PPE equipment and sanitation supplies?

No

12. Will the 1st and 2nd Ceremonial Masters/Daughters be required to collect the pass from Nobles/Daughters during in-person meetings?

No

13. Can creation be conducted in person?

No

14. The longer you are close to others, the possibility of contracting or spreading the virus increases. Will there be a time limit on in-person meetings?

No, sanitation is required every 2 hours.

15. If I am fully vaccinated, do I still need to wear a mask during the meeting?

Yes

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