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Further Easing of Restrictions Around Coronavirus

On the 18 May a letter to our AA members was posted on the AA Website with information and suggestions referring to the easing of restrictions.

<https://aa.org.au/covid-19-letter-to-membership-from-the-general-service-board/>

As stated, requirements vary between States and Territories and therefore the Board cannot be prescriptive on when and how to reopen meetings.

However, The Board offers some further information in an attempt to clarify issues some of you may have faced when re-opening meetings.

You may find that your landlord stipulates conditions before you can use a meeting room. You may be asked to use hand sanitiser, take temperatures, etc. You may be asked to keep a detailed record of who has attended the meeting, including names, addresses, etc. This is not an anonymity breach.

While some will be concerned about their anonymity, we are anonymous at the public level. We do not feel that this is outside the spirit of our tradition of anonymity, as these details would need to be provided to the health authorities only in the event of an infected member attending a meeting. This is not an anonymity breach.

If you open up a meeting, you will have to comply with the conditions set by the landlord. It is the decision of each group as to whether or not to re-open a meeting and the decision of each member whether or not to attend the meeting.

If conditions set by the various State and Territory authorities (including the venue having 4square metres per person) and by your landlord cannot be met or your Group Conscience feels uncomfortable meeting them, it may be best to remain closed.

Yours in Service

The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Australia