

IDMR State of California Coronavirus Guidance – 03/13/2020

Good Day IDMR California State Branch Schools,

This guidance is being provided to ensure all IDMR California State Branch schools are in concert with recent policies issued by the state of California in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. We fully expect state and local guidance to evolve as the virus continues to spread. As of this writing, the Governor of the state of California has issued policies regarding non-essential gatherings in the state of California. In summation, the current policy states:

- Limit non-essential gatherings to no more than 250 people.
- Smaller gatherings can be conducted if organizers can implement social distancing of 6 feet per person.
- Individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness should be limited to no more than 10 people, while following social distancing guidelines (6 feet per person).

We expect ALL California branch schools to strictly adhere to the guidance provided by the state of California. The Los Angeles and Banning branch schools exceed the 250-person threshold and are thereby suspending their normal gatherings for classes until further notice. Classes will still be conducted on a limited attendee basis, recorded and provided to members and the Institute at large via the Hightail/Spaces distribution as normal. Fireside chats will also continue within the same parameters.

While the other branches in the state do not cross the 250-person threshold, most branches would struggle to maintain the 6 feet per person social gathering requirement for members attending their classes. We are advising those branches to also suspend their normal gatherings for classes if the 6 feet per person social distancing cannot be maintained. We are leaving it up to local branches to come to this determination and take appropriate action. We are also asking branches to curtail branch visits as well for the time being since having additional members attending class would further challenge the social distancing requirement and since most classes will be suspended.

In keeping with our founder's direction, we are asking branches to keep your eyes on the news and stay completely abreast and up to date with respect to things going on within the state and the various guidance and policies issued. The California state policy issued by the Governor is in effect until the end of this month (March). We will re-evaluate any additional guidance at that time and conform appropriately. Your local county or city policies may be more stringent than those issued by the state. If that be the case, we are expecting branches to conform with those local policies. We are asking all branches to ensure diligent execution of this guidance and to fully comply with state and local policies. Our Founder and Dean advised us that we would follow the laws of the land (unless it interfered with us preaching the gospel). He also stated that there could come a time in which we would not be able to gather at our class locations (...and it came to pass...). Our International President and International Vice President and Dean have continued to make us aware of these statements that the founder made. With the ability to conduct classes in a controlled environment and distribute that media via Headquarters-approved means, we will continue to preach the Word. Los Angeles and Banning classes will continue to be distributed via MP3/MP4 and made available to branches and members without interruption.

DO NOT DECIDE ON YOUR OWN TO VIOLATE STATE AND LOCAL POLICIES! We have traditional instances of branches continuing to do things their own way despite guidance from the State and International. The founder never at any time gave such instructions to anyone as he always advised us all to support International.

Headquarters is working to keep branches and members abreast of current information via the official IDMR website (www.idmr.net) and the IWBA. Please be sure to frequently access those locations for the latest guidance from Headquarters. We are expecting local branches to adhere to the information provided by Headquarters via those means. Please use those sites only as the official means to obtain up-to-date information.

The California State President or the California State Superintendent can be contacted if you have additional questions or need additional information.

Thank you.