

San Gabriel Valley Narcotics Anonymous Statement Regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

There have been many inquiries and questions about health concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19). While it is not Narcotics Anonymous' role to make statements regarding outside issues, the SGVNA Area Service Committee (ASC) does however encourage each individual NA group to discuss the possible situations that will arise due to the current pressing health issues. The California Public Health Office is requiring non-essential gatherings of 10 or more individuals to be postponed or cancelled until at least May 15. In the event of gatherings smaller than 10 individuals, the California Public Health Office has also recommended to keep a minimum distance of six feet between everyone in attendance. Due to the parameters presented by these unique circumstances, group conscience at the NA Group level is paramount in regard to the options that each group can provide to ensure safe environments for those who attend each meeting. Groups may want to consider moving their meeting to an online meeting format like those available through meeting hosting sites like Zoom.com and others. If your meeting decides to meet online and your group would like to be listed on the SGVNA.com website, please contact the Area Website Committee at **WEB@SGVNA.com**.

The SGVNA Area Service Committee (ASC) would also like to ensure that each NA group is prepared for additional circumstances and issues that may arise. For example, certain NA group meeting locations may no longer allow NA groups to meet at their corresponding locations. Due to this, we must be prepared to find alternatives to keep meetings from going dark and making that pertaining information about meetings being online or meetings being dark through updating the SGVNA.com website or through other necessary communication measures. As issues arise and NA groups make decisions, please notify the SGVNA Area Service Committee (ASC) through either contacting an Executive Team servant or through emailing us at **WEB@SGVNA.com**. You can also contact the San Gabriel Valley Help Line at (626) 584-6910.

We are hopeful that NA members and groups can continue to provide support for one another as we move through this current situation, and we will update this information as necessary in the coming days and weeks. You have our best wishes.