COVID-19 Guidance for Clubs



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, your club is likely considering alternatives to in-person meetings and wondering how to keep your members engaged. As RI President Mark Maloney and RI President-elect Holger Knaack expressed in their recent message to all Rotarians, we can make good use of technology in this time of need and seize the opportunity to demonstrate that *Rotary Connects the World* in innovative ways! Here are some suggestions, ideas and resources for club members to consider:

Cancel Meetings as Needed

Article 7 of the Rotary Club Constitution allows club boards to cancel regular meetings during an epidemic or disaster that affects the whole community. To read the full article, consult the <u>2019 Manual of Procedure</u>.

Register for a My Rotary account

My Rotary gives you a customized member experience and easy access to a range of tools, club information, and the latest news and announcements from around the Rotary world. Learn how to <u>create a My Rotary account</u> (PDF).

Learn online at Rotary Learning Center

Enroll in an online learning plan created for your <u>club role</u>. You can also <u>learn by topic</u> on issues such as membership, public image or professional development. We're developing a mobile version of the Learning Center. Until it's available, the best way to use the Learning Center is on your desktop, laptop, or iPad.

Explore Online Meeting Options

Try an online meeting product like <u>Zoom Video</u>. They offer a free version with a 45-minute time limit. Rotary and Rotaract members can get a special discount on Zoom through Rotary Global Rewards via <u>on.rotary.org/zoom</u>. Other popular tools like <u>GoToMeeting</u>, <u>Google Hangout</u>, and <u>LINE</u> all offer group video chat in their basic versions at no cost.

Visit a Club that Meets Online

This may be a perfect opportunity to visit another club that meets online in your district, region or anywhere in the world. Don't forget that online clubs are no longer required to use "e-club" in their names. If you don't know about a club that meets online, you can use Google to search for "Rotary meeting online" or something similar. You can also try Rotary's Club Finder tool. Scroll down, select the "E-Club" dropdown option, and enter your search parameters or choose "View All".

Other Resources

- Look here for information on how Rotary monitors the coronavirus impact.
- District 6690 created a <u>helpful page</u> full of links and resources.
- Rotarians are sharing stories and tips on the <u>Rotary Voices blog</u>.
- Your <u>Club and District Support team</u>. Let us know how we can help!

