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Dear Fellow Members of S.L.A.A.,

In an attempt to keep our members, and their loved ones safe, New England Intergroup would like to officially recommend all in-person meetings be suspended. Since Tradition 4 makes each group autonomous, this is only a recommendation. We understand that each group will need to make this decision for themselves, but we hope that this will help guide you to move towards phone or online meetings.

For meetings that will be suspending their meetings, we suggest you setup some alternate form of virtual gathering. Many meetings are setting up free conference calls so members can attend by telephone. We also ask that you let us know that your meetings are being suspended, and if there are additional instructions for people to attend. We ask that you send this info to [webmaster@slaanei.org](mailto:webmaster@slaanei.org)

For individual members we are suggesting that you try to reach out more during this time. Social distancing can seem a lot like isolation. Please try to reach out by phone to others in program to keep in your program during this time.

For meetings that decide to continue on-site meetings, we offer the following suggestions to help keep your members and their loved ones safer:

- 1) Temporarily forego holding hands
- 2) Suspend the “passing of the basket” and locate the basket in a single place or have one person walk around with the basket
- 3) Provide hand sanitizer near or on literature tables
- 4) Space chairs farther apart than usual
- 5) Add additional seating rows to allow for greater distance between members
- 6) Request that individuals ask each other prior to hugging or handshaking

SLAA Suspended meetings: <https://slaanei.org/schedule?tsml-day=any&tsml-type=TC>

SLAA Alternate Meetings: <https://slaanei.org/suspended-meetings>

SLAA Phone meetings: <https://slaafws.org/telephonemeetings>

SLAA Online meetings: <https://slaafws.org/onlinemeetings>

SLAA Chat meetings: <http://www.slaaonline.org/>

Thanks,  
New England Intergroup