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Commanders,

The Governor has mandated that all bars and restaurants close; with restaurants only allowed to operate as a takeout or delivery service. The argument is that The Legion is a private club so these rules to not apply to us. Your posts need to contact their local liquor license and health agency or the state agency, to check on those rules and how they apply to private clubs.

It is up to the post leadership whether or not to have meetings. Some are still having meetings others are postponing meetings; again it is up to the individual post/district/division leadership to make that call. CDC recommends that groups of 50 more should be postponed. As of now; all future Department meetings are on; with decisions to be made at the end of this week, for meetings in April.

National Commander Oxford has made a statement; "The Buddy Check program is perhaps more important now than ever before. Rely on telephone, email or social media to communicate since person-to-person contact is not the safest option. Please be particularly attentive to seniors, a population that is especially vulnerable to the harmful effects of this virus." Contacting your posts and ask them to do a buddy check on paid and non-paid members to check on them to make sure they are ok.

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