

Dear Lion,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) is changing the way we travel, congregate and serve in communities around the world. We care about every member, and the people we serve, which is why we all need to put health and safety first in this challenging time for the world.

We have received requests for suggestions on how to minimize the risk to Lions, clubs and communities when serving.

Here are some **recommendations on how you can keep yourself and your community healthy:**

- **Consult local authorities** and guidelines governing group events and large gatherings when considering Lions events.
- **Put health and safety first** as you consider new meetings, projects and any other club activities.
- **Wash your hands frequently**, avoid nonessential travel and crowds, especially if you live in an area where there's an outbreak.
- **Check the recommendations from health experts** such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or your local government for any new updates since this remains an evolving situation.
- **For questions regarding your district (single, sub- and multiple) conventions**, please contact your district leadership for guidance.
- **Remember, individuals over 60 and those with serious chronic medical conditions are at a higher risk** of getting very sick from this illness.

A comprehensive list of ways to protect yourself and your club can be found on the [WHO website](#) or the [CDC website](#).

Lions have served for more than one hundred years. We have been there for our communities during countless challenges to the world. Let's consider ways we can safely help, such as providing meals to low-income students whose schools are closing due to the virus. Let's check in on family, friends and neighbors. Let's continue to put our kindness in action while keeping health and safety in mind.

Now more than ever, it is important that we stand together as local communities, as a global community, and as Lions. Thank you for serving your community and the world.

Regards,

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