

Welcome Back to the Triangle Club!

In this document, you will find answers to a number of frequently asked questions.

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For more information, please plan to attend our open Zoom call for all Triangle Club attendees on Sunday, June 6th, at 12:30 PM. Zoom information is below:

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94843289083?pwd=dEFrNzlyVlVvUE14UG82N1Nlcnc4UT09>

Meeting ID: 948 4328 9083

Passcode: 1638RSt

Phone Auto-Dial: +13017158592,,94843289083#,,,,*5467643#

Manual Dial: +1 301 715 8592 Passcode: 5467643

Find additional local numbers: <https://zoom.us/u/aeIDYFXOLx>

General Operations and Safety

The Return: When is it happening? What do we need to do?

The Triangle Club will officially reopen the clubhouse on Friday, June 11th. To start meeting in the space, meetings' trusted servants will need to [fill out this form](#) based on group input.

Safety: What is required of everyone, and where does my meeting have autonomy?

What is required of all people using the Triangle Club spaces:

- 1) Masks are required for now:
All people attending meetings in person or otherwise inside the Triangle Club must wear masks at all times until July 15. This decision is being made out of an abundance of caution to reflect potential susceptibility of our community, as well as to reflect that we are also navigating returning in space that is new to us. We will revisit this in time to announce any changes by July 15.
- 2) Physical distancing:
Physical distancing is required. Every other seat will be marked unavailable to ensure space between attendees during meetings. This will also be revisited by July 15.
- 3) Be mindful of physical contact:
Out of an abundance of caution, we encourage meetings not to hold hands during the Serenity Prayer or otherwise have physical contact in the meetings.
- 4) No eating or drinking in the Triangle Club for now:
If you have a medical need to eat or drink, please leave the meeting space and do this outside, or in the kitchen area provided no one else is there, and then return. This will also be revisited by July 15.
- 5) While not required, please consider using hand sanitizer provided by the Triangle Club, which will be placed at various locations in our space.

In terms of capacity, there will be the following number of seats in the dedicated rooms starting on June 11th, based on the room's capacity with and then without physical distancing:

- The Back (Large) Room: 33 physically distanced / 65 unrestricted
- The Front (Medium) Room: 14 physically distanced / 27 unrestricted
- The Middle (Small) Room: 13 physically distanced / 24 unrestricted

As We Return: Where does each meeting have autonomy?

- 1) What will you do about literature?
As meetings are erring on the side of caution, the suggested best practices are:
 - a) Have people read from electronic copies of the literature

- b) Have one person read from a physical copy of the literature before opening the meeting for sharing
 - c) Bring your own literature!
- 2) What format makes most sense for your meeting?
- a) Fully in-person without reliance on technology
 - b) Fully on Zoom for now, without an in-person component
 - c) Hybrid meetings where there is a Zoom connection between those at home and the Triangle Club room where their counterparts are meeting in person: see the section on Technology and Support for Meetings
 - d) There may be other options, such as splitting the meeting (one in person, one virtual) for the moment.
- 3) Will the meeting be fully cashless, or will it still accept cash?
- The Triangle Club itself is going cashless (see the section on Finance Updates), but meetings can decide whether they would like to continue to accept cash. Accepting cash would mean that trusted servants would collect the cash and then Venmo the total amount collected to the Triangle Club.

How will the Triangle Club enforce safety expectations?

In order for us to provide a physical meeting space, we need each meeting to be in compliance with the communal expectations. We will rely on trusted servants to remind meeting members of the expectations if they are not being followed. If there are concerns that a meeting is unable to address on their own, please email them to operation@triangleclub.org. We are happy to help trusted servants address individuals. If, however, there continue to be ongoing complaints about a lack of adherence to safety protocols and expectations, we may ask that the meeting return to virtual for a period of time.

You mentioned every other seat. Doesn't this mean we can't fill our meeting spaces?

Once the available chairs are filled, others will need to join the meeting virtually, if the meeting has made that an option.

What if I don't feel safe returning to the Triangle Club yet?

If you don't feel comfortable, please do not force yourself to come in person. Instead, please make sure to be part of the group conscience conversations of any meetings you attend as they decide on format, so that you can have a voice in whether they decide to be in-person, hybrid, or fully virtual. We will also update the meeting list once those decisions have been made by individual groups so that you can attend meetings that allow you to be at home and still remain part of the Triangle Club recovery community.

Technology and Meeting Formats: How will the Triangle Club support our meetings during this time?

- 1) The Club will be providing Wi-Fi service for all of the meetings if they choose to utilize a hybrid format once in person meetings begin again.
- 2) The Club will also have televisions in every room for meetings that want to go hybrid.
- 3) We will provide TVs and Wi-Fi in all rooms for groups to be able to conduct hybrid meetings if they choose to; however, this decision is completely up to each meeting. Additionally, someone from each meeting will need to provide the laptop or device that connects to the TVs, as well as whatever cord and / or adapter is needed to connect the personal device to a TV that has USB capacity. Each meeting will also be responsible for the platform they are using (Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Hangouts, etc.).

How often will the Triangle Club be cleaned?

- 1) Rene M., our Club Manager will clean the space twice a day, in mornings and evenings, including all commonly touched surfaces such as door knobs, chairs, light switches, etc.
- 2) We are asking every meeting to use wipes provided to clean surfaces that were touched during their meetings, e.g., chairs, storage spaces, technology.

General Reminders About the New Space

Honestly, I didn't pay attention to the move because of the pandemic. Where is it?

We are now located at 1638 R St NW, Suite 120, on the first floor.

How do I get in? I walked by and it looked like there was a code on the door.

As we did at our P Street location, the door will be programmed to unlock during meeting hours.

I know you said it's handicap accessible: how does that work?

There is a back entrance to the basement that then allows access to an elevator that goes to the first floor with direct access to our suite. The back basement door will not always be unlocked, and does have an exterior gate, so you should coordinate with someone you know will be present at the same time that can open those for you. If you are new to the Triangle Club, please email operations@triangleclub.org and let us know the meeting and time you plan to attend, and we will alert trusted servants so that someone can help.

Will we have access to a kitchen?

While we will have access to a kitchen (including a refrigerator!), we are asking that only those with medical conditions who absolutely must eat or drink do so during meetings at this time.

Please do not expect to use the kitchen as a space to prepare or consume food or drinks. This is a good time to “do coffee” with someone before or after the meeting!

What about a bathroom?

We share two bathrooms (one of them handicap accessible) with other entities in the building, so we will post the code to access the bathroom in the Triangle Club space. Please make sure to check it before leaving to use the facilities. Additionally, please know that we have less control over cleaning that particular space, as that is managed by the building. We will have sanitizer available in the Triangle Club, but you might think about packing your own sanitizer and / or sanitizing wipes if that is important to you.

For reference: the code for the bathroom keypad locks is 8557.

Finance Updates

How will 7th tradition collections work?

The Triangle Club is going cashless. All 7th Tradition donations will be accepted through the Triangle Club’s Venmo account, @triangleclub. Individual meetings are welcome to accept cash. If they do, then the trusted servant will retain the cash and use their own Venmo account to pay that same amount to the Triangle Club. Contact treasurer@triangleclub.org for details.

My meeting froze our rent. When does it get unfrozen?

If your meeting froze rent, payments will resume after you begin meeting at the clubhouse again. There will be a one-month grace period before rent payments resume.

What are the rents at the new clubhouse?

The rate for each room will be the same as at the old location for now. Your individual meeting’s rent will only change if you were paying a reduced rate (for example, if you were meeting in the small room but then moved to the medium room and your rent didn’t get updated). The Finance committee will update all meetings on their rents upon reopening. Meetings can always request to move rooms or time slots if they have an issue with their rent.

My meeting has fallen behind on rent. What should we do?

Meeting rents are critical to the Club paying its own bills, but we understand that this has been a difficult year. If your meeting has fallen behind on rent, we recommend you alert meeting regulars and attendees that you are in a deficit and provide updates every month when you get your financial report. We have found that meetings that do this usually see a significant jump in collections. You can also reach out to others to increase attendance.