

To all Florida Region RCM's:

As we are all well aware, many counties and cities have issued a stay-at-home order or an order that you can't have more than 10 people that congregate in public spaces and don't practice social distancing (where cities or counties don't have any orders). This has a direct impact on all of our area meetings in the Florida Region.

As the Florida Region Public Relations coordinators, Angelo B. and Terri S. we suggest to please adhere to the county/city orders, restrictions and guidelines.

In most counties and cities, to violate the orders is a misdemeanor offense with fines as well as a chance of jail time. Our basic text says, "Our recovery speaks for itself. Our tenth Tradition specifically helps protect our reputation." [Narcotics Anonymous Basic Text, 6th Edition, page 71]. Continuing to meet in person in municipalities that have issued orders break our 10<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

In Narcotics Anonymous, we value our independent autonomy and opinions now that we are recovering where we were slaves to our addictions. And, as our 4<sup>th</sup> Tradition states, our groups are autonomous, but for the sake of our 1<sup>st</sup> Tradition, our recovery depends on NA unity, but more importantly, our common welfare should come first. We need to keep ourselves safe and healthy.

This is an unprecedented time. And it has been so amazing to watch how WE are coming together via <https://virtual-na.org/>, Zoom, Blue Jeans, and other virtual platforms. We can meet with fellow recovering addicts from all over the world in one meeting! Angelo and I would like to encourage and suggest that you please, for now, comply with the orders. Our reputation is on the line, and we would not want to give people any reason to look down on NA. WE DO RECOVER. Let's do so safely.

Sincerely,

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