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Notice to Post 291 Family Members Concerning Reopening

With the news that the State, County, and City have authorized some businesses to reopen — on a limited and tightly regulated basis — several Post members have inquired about plans for Post 291 reopening.

The health and safety of Post 291 Family members and employees are the most important priority in reopening the Post. At this point, Post 291 is not yet fully prepared to meet all the criteria and conditions imposed on restaurants and other businesses for reopening. However, the Reopening Planning Committee is hard at work preparing a recommended plan and procedures for partial reopening of the Post. Once the recommended plan and procedures are approved, reopening can proceed accordingly.

All Post 291 members and employees should be prepared, however, for significant mandatory changes in behavior and “lifestyle” at the Post when it reopens. It will not be “business as usual” as we all knew it prior to the current pandemic. Coronavirus (COVID-19) is still very much with us. — And it’s especially important to be considerate of our fellow Post Family members, and Post employees and their health and safety. Consequently, with fewer restrictions on gatherings, it is even more essential to maintain social distancing, wear face coverings, wash and sanitize hands frequently, and continue other good hygiene practices and healthy behavior.

It is anticipated that reopening of the Post will proceed in a phased approach. Initially, takeout food service will continue its current operation; there will be only outdoor dining; the bar itself will remain closed, but beverages may be ordered through the wait staff. Details on reopening — along with associated new rules and regulations for Post Family members and employees to comply with health and safety requirements — will be provided as soon as they are approved and implemented.

In the meantime, the Post is still closed. Only employees on duty and Post Officers on official business are permitted inside the Main Building until further notice.

Thank you for your cooperation. — And please stay safe and healthy!

For God and Country,

Jon Reynolds
Commander
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