COVID GUIDANCE: An Update

ALL TRR Programs effective 1 Jan 2022

Background

TRR is a health and healing program, and we need to make certain our volunteers and veterans, and their families, feel safe and protected by the best practices. The United States is very fortunate to have an abundance of highly effective vaccines which greatly reduces the chances of severe illness requiring hospitalization. While no vaccine can 100% eliminate the possibility of catching Covid and potentially transmitting to others, we need to pay attention to the ongoing national pandemic ebb and growth. It is not over.

TRR recognizes and follows federal, state, CDC, and ACA guidance and is developing safety protocols, including COVID protocols. Participation by individuals is a choice but by participating, you agree to follow our organization’s protocols.

The Omicron variant is creating a surge in both infections and hospitalizations. Please closely review current (11/20/21) TRR Covid Guidance protocols and information, below.

TRR COVID Event Guidance and information

- Individuals that have weakened immune systems or are sick are asked to wait until they are better before attending TRR events.
- Individuals that have been exposed to infected individuals (while not wearing protective gear) are asked to wait five days before attending TRR events, or provide a negative COVID test.
- TRR does not require COVID Tests as a requirement for participation in events.
- Please give consideration to observing social distancing.
- Chapter coordinators should be aware of the local infection rates in their area and schedule events being mindful of local infection rates and hospital capacities.
- Clinics that include overnight arrangements and shared housing/community areas require individuals to have vaccinations with booster shots OR else to have a note from their physician stating that having a vaccination would be detrimental to that individual’s health. In this case a negative COVID test (within 3 days) is required for the individual to attend.
- Individuals actively participating in TRR clinics are required to follow local state, municipalities, store, hotel and restaurant requirements. If they ask for the use of a mask, please respect the request.
- Masks get lost and forgotten. Please carry and provide spares.
- Clinic and event leaders should follow all TRR protocols and regulations. If a situation is encountered that isn’t clear, please discuss with us.
- Any deviation from this policy must be cleared with Dave Robey, TRR Program Director.

According to medical authorities, it is likely that COVID infection rates will vary over time, and changes to this policy will reflect these changing levels of risk. As always, TRR National welcomes questions on all forms of risk management – COVID is no exception.