

Virginia Area AFG Group Records Considerations During the Covid-19 Pandemic

1. Blanket status of all Meetings within the Virginia Area during the Pandemic?
 - a. The Area Officers recognize that during the pandemic each Group has been affected in its ability to hold meetings. To avoid possible adverse actions by the WSO each Group within the Area will be designated as 'Meeting Temporarily Suspended' unless it has otherwise contacted the Area Group Records Coordinator via the Change Form and indicate the current status: Open – Face-to-Face (FTF), Open – Hybrid, Open – Temporarily Virtual, or Closed.
2. Can a meeting decide to be entirely virtual and still belong to the Virginia Area?
 - a. No. If a meeting decides to become permanently virtual it can no longer belong to a Virginia Area District and thus can not belong in the Virginia Area. However, the Virtual meeting can register at the WSO level.
3. Can a Virtual meeting use the Virginia Area WebEx account?
 - a. If the meeting is 'Temporarily Virtual' and still aligned with a Virginia District it can take advantage of the Area's WebEx services. However, for a meeting that is virtual and will not be changing back to Hybrid or FTF status then it cannot use the Area's WebEx services.
4. Can Alateen Groups meet virtually?
 - a. The Virginia Area will allow Alateen Groups to meet if the meeting has two (2) AMIAS present and hosting the meeting. In addition, attending the meeting needs to be password protected. This is done to provide another layer of protection for the anonymity of the Group's members.
5. Listing of Virginia Area Groups status during the pandemic?
 - a. The Group Records form and Database will be updated to reflect the various meeting formats: FTF, Hybrid, Virtual or Closed.
6. Importance to provide Contact Person and information about Password protection in virtual or Hybrid meetings.
 - a. All Groups need to provide an email for a Contact Person for the Group to answer questions. This is especially important if the Group is meeting in a Hybrid or Virtual format that requires a link and password to gain access.
7. New virtual or hybrid meetings formed during the Pandemic.
 - a. New virtual or hybrid meetings formed during the Pandemic will need to register as the other Groups and will need to be aligned with a District to belong to the Virginia Area.
8. How to find a listing of Virginia Area Groups using WebEx?
 - a. The Calendar tab on the Virginia Area AFG website will take you to a list of all WebEx enabled meetings.
9. How to indicate if a meeting is using a platform other than WebEx?
 - a. If a Virginia Area Group is meeting virtually or in a hybrid format and using a platform other than WebEx this information can be submitted via the Group Records process using a Change Form.