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## **OLL Policy on meeting and social gatherings, in effect until further notice**

Given the increasing presence of the extremely contagious COVID variant in Oaxaca, the OLL Board has adopted the following policy, designed to allow safe gathering while postponing some events with more potential for transmission.

### **A. AT THE OLL** (see page 2 for precautions for activities outside the OLL)

#### **1. Overall:**

- a. In accordance with current OLL health guidelines, masks must be worn at all times, and those entering the library must use hand gel.
- b. All meetings and social gatherings will be conducted on the Terrace, where open air circulation reduces the chance of disease transmission.

#### **2. Learning/Lecture events will continue with these requirements:**

- a. Audience is limited to a maximum of 40 people, with as many as two speaker's guest and up to five event volunteers.
- b. Masks must be worn at all times. The main speaker/s may remove their mask while speaking although they must maintain a 5-foot distance from the audience while doing so. They must reapply the mask when they are finished speaking.
- c. If a microphone is passed around for questions, speakers must keep their mask on to avoid contaminating people around the speaker. Alcohol wipes will be used on the microphone after each person has held or spoken through it.
- d. Seating must be socially distanced with people not allowed to move chairs. Volunteers must politely enforce social distance and masking.
- e. People must be encouraged to avoid close social contact before and after the event and must continue to wear a mask while on OLL or LPP property.

#### **3. Large social gatherings** are postponed to a later time.

#### **4. Social or business meetings** (typically fewer than 15 people), e.g. intercambios, bridge, knitting, dominos, etc., as well as Board and committees, will continue to meet in person with these requirements:

- a. Masks must be worn by everyone throughout the meeting and while on OLL property. A main speaker may remove their mask while leading a meeting.
- b. There must be at least two feet between chairs and rows (if any), and three feet between people facing each other.
- c. Convener must commit to enforce masks and social distancing during the meeting and encourage participants to maintain social distance before and after the event.