



ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CAROLINA REGIONAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

As trusted servants our Public Relations sub-committee is tasked with the responsibility for the relationship between Carolina Region of Narcotics Anonymous and the general public, we are deeply concerned about some members' and /or groups choice to disregard a lawful order and/or public health guidelines for social distancing, placing our fellowship as a whole in jeopardy. Tradition Four states that group autonomy does not apply to matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole. The decision to disregard public health directives & guidance, and to disobey a lawful order, on behalf of NA is clearly a matter affecting other NA groups and NA as a whole.

A variety of tools are available for addicts to access meetings of Narcotics Anonymous by internet or by phone while in-person meetings are not available. Your local area service committee is working diligently to keep members updated with this information. These are our best options for furthering our primary purpose to the best of our ability during these unprecedented times.

Continuing to meet in person, has the potential to damage our reputation as an organization in the community. The PR Sub-Committee has worked very hard to do the service required to build mutually respectful relationships with other organizations in the community which allow us to carry the message of recovery in NA to the addicts served by these organizations. Our Tenth Tradition cautions against engaging in public controversy. While we have no opinion on the virus itself, nor the actions taken by various government agencies to combat it, we must abide by the law and public health directives. Violating a public health order risks our public reputation by bringing NA into public controversy, and must be avoided.

In Loving Service
The Carolina Regional Service Administrative Committee