

Dear Friends in the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous,

After much inquiry and deliberation the decision has been made to close the Pass It On Building immediately following the 11:00 AM meeting on Sunday, March 15th, 2020, until further notice. Recognizing we face the daily lethal threat of the disease of Alcoholism, this was not a decision to be made lightly or with haste. It was made with consideration of the social and moral responsibility to the greater health and well being of our members and the general public. From the CDC:

The goals for using mitigation strategies in communities...are to slow the transmission of disease and in particular to protect individuals at increased risk for severe illness, including older adults and persons of any age with underlying health conditions and the healthcare and critical infrastructure workforces. These approaches are used to minimize morbidity and mortality and the social and economic impacts of COVID-19. Individuals, communities, businesses, and healthcare organizations are all part of a community mitigation strategy. These strategies should be implemented to prepare for and when there is evidence of community transmission.

Similarly, at 4:30pm, Saturday, March 14, Gov. Roy Cooper issued an executive order that stops gatherings of 100 or more people and closes all K-12 public schools for at least two weeks. The Pass It On building easily has over a hundred people every 4-5 days. His words are particularly relevant to our decision,

“Our lives have been turned upside down by this pandemic,” Cooper said. “But we will get through this. Hindsight is 20/20. I don’t want any regrets in our rearview mirror when this pandemic stops.”

Realizing the grave nature of our mutual disease of Alcoholism we would like to recommend the following resources for continuous efforts to maintain and strengthen our sobriety:

The following are free conference calling applications for your phone/computer. Groups could actually agree to ‘meet’ at their regular day and time. Or individuals could form small groups and set up mini-meetings!

<https://www.freeconferencecalling.com/conference-call-services.html>

<https://hangouts.google.com/>

<https://www.skype.com/en/>

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204380> (iphone users)

www.aa-intergroup.org

Contains resources that may be helpful when meetings are unavailable - including a link to on-line meetings.

<https://aachats.org/aa-chat-room-alcoholics-anonymous/>

AA Chat Room exists to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who still suffers. We are NOT affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous in any official way, but we host AA meetings in our chat room that are an official online group of Alcoholics Anonymous.

storiesofrecovery.org

12-Step Speakers sharing their experience, strength and hope, a library of 12 Step Recovery talks.

xa-speakers.org

Is a collection of recordings from speaker meetings, conventions and workshops of 12-step fellowships, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon Family Groups and Narcotics Anonymous.

Let us look at this time as a challenge and use our programs to stay in the solution! We alcoholics are especially blessed and equipped to rise to the occasion at hand. Let's not sit back and wait for the doors to PIO to reopen. Reach out in whatever way you can and touch the life of another alcoholic, most especially the newly sober. We have walked through fire and survived and thrived to live a second life. We shall show our gratitude by being committed to the actions we CAN take and not be limited by what we can't. Stay safe and be well until we can meet again