

Hello Brothers,

This is an update to the current operating status of the Aerie during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Per guidance provided by the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and the Governor of Virginia's (Ralph Northam) Office, the Board of Trustees (BOT) have made the following changes to Aerie operations.

1. Effective immediately the Aerie facility is closed until further notice.
2. All regularly scheduled Aerie functions are postponed until further notice.
3. Aerie administrative activities will continue, but at a reduce capacity.
4. Officers, employees, and members may be asked to assist in facilities management (Assistance is voluntary) in the event of long-term closure.
5. BOT will provide future updates as they become available.

For your protection - The practice of "Social Distancing" shall be observed to reduce potential transmission of the Coronavirus to those considered "Most at Risk".

Those most at risk:

Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

Appendix A: Underlying medical conditions that may increase the risk of serious COVID-19 for individuals of any age.

Blood disorders (e.g., sickle cell disease or on blood thinners)

Chronic kidney disease as defined by your doctor. Patient has been told to avoid or reduce the dose of medications because kidney disease, or is under treatment for kidney disease, including receiving dialysis

Chronic liver disease as defined by your doctor. (e.g., cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis) Patient has been told to avoid or reduce the dose of medications because liver disease or is under treatment for liver disease.

Compromised immune system (immunosuppression) (e.g., seeing a doctor for cancer and treatment such as chemotherapy or radiation, received an organ or bone marrow transplant, taking high doses of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressant medications, HIV or AIDS)

Current or recent pregnancy in the last two weeks

Endocrine disorders (e.g., diabetes mellitus)

Metabolic disorders (such as inherited metabolic disorders and mitochondrial disorders)

Heart disease (such as congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease)

Lung disease including asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (chronic bronchitis or emphysema) or other chronic conditions associated with impaired lung function or that require home oxygen

Neurological and neurologic and neurodevelopment conditions [including disorders of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerve, and muscle such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy (seizure disorders), stroke, intellectual disability, moderate to severe developmental delay, muscular dystrophy, or spinal cord injury].

It is the responsibility of the BOT, Officers, and all members to adhere to procedures and guidance provided for the closures to the Aerie operating status. The primary goal during any disruption or closure to aerie operations is to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the membership and employees. The protection of aerie property and assets is a secondary priority; however, it may be necessary to reduce operational cost in an effort to stretch the wherewithal of aerie financial reserves.

During these disruptions or closure please remember our overarching principle, “People Helping People”, to this end let us help ourselves first. Practice appropriate hygiene. Wash your hands thoroughly and OFTEN. Please cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. And most importantly, if you are sick PLEASE stay home (Or seek professional medical guidance) until you recover.

Resources:

CDC Guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>

Governor of Virginia:

<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/>

Arlington County:

<https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/25/2020/03/CoronaVirus.PublicGathering.Guidance.External.3.11.20.11pm-3.pdf>

Appendix A:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community-mitigation-strategy.pdf>

Please make the effort to protect yourself and your family’s health in the upcoming days, weeks, and months. Remember that the precautions you take today to avoid illness will benefit yourself, and it may help an aging or vulnerable member of your family or community stay healthy!

Respectfully,

Board of Trustees
ALVA Aerie #871