

DISTRIBUTE TO: All Members, Zone and Territory Offices
FROM: SGI-USA Organization Center
SUBJECT: SGI-USA Reopening Guidelines, Timeline and FAQs

We are delighted to share that a reopening of in-person activities will begin at designated SGI-USA Centers in gradual phases. Keeping the wellbeing of members foremost in mind, the information for the initial phase is outlined below:

REOPENING GUIDELINES

- » SGI-USA Centers will be designated for reopening for in-person activities in phases. Communication about the reopening of your SGI-USA Center will be sent by your local leaders. Please do not come to your local center unless you have received communication that it is open.
- » Proof of vaccination will be mandatory to enter an SGI-USA center. The SGI-USA digital ID card app will be upgraded to easily submit proof of vaccination. Further details are listed below.
- » Designated centers will host activities on Sundays for Kosen-Rufu Gongyo and Soka Spirit meetings only. All other activities will continue to be conducted via Zoom.
- » **Important Note:** There will be no in-person activities outside of SGI-USA centers. SGI-USA does not take responsibility for any in-person activities outside of an SGI-USA center.

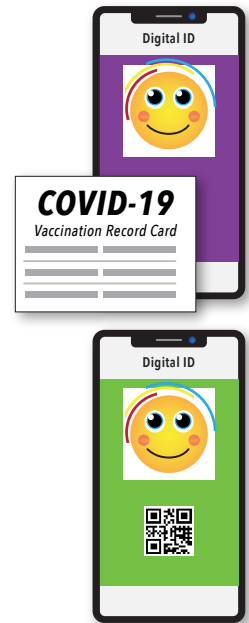
VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

To ensure the health and safety of all those who attend in-person activities at an SGI-USA center, proof of CDC-approved vaccines is a requirement. There will be no exceptions to this.

INSTRUCTIONS TO UPLOAD COVID-19 VACCINATION RECORD CARD

Note: You will need to update your SGI-USA app. The new version will be available by June 17.

1. Starting June 21, the member portal will be enhanced for members to upload an image of their COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card.
2. To upload, log in to the member portal (<https://portal.sgi-usa.org/portal>) and you will be prompted to upload a photo of your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card. If you have not yet uploaded a profile photo for your digital ID, you must first complete this step.
3. Once a member's COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card has been approved, their digital ID will turn from purple to green, which indicates that they can enter an SGI-USA Center. The upload will be to a secure server and deleted after the verification has been completed.



FOR GUESTS

Since guests do not have a digital ID, they must present their original COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, be accompanied by their sponsor or member who knows them, and show proof of identification.

Timeline and FAQs are attached to this memo and should you have any questions, please reach out to your local leaders or zone office staff. We look forward to welcoming you back!

SGI-USA GUIDELINES + FAQs

GUIDELINES

- Reopening of in-person activities at designated SGI-USA centers will begin in phases.
- For the health and safety of all those who attend in-person activities at an SGI-USA center, proof of CDC approved vaccines is a requirement. There will be no exceptions to this.
- Official SGI-USA in-person activities will be limited to Kosen-rufu Gongyo and Soka Spirit meetings on Sunday.
- SGI-USA is not conducting any other in-person meetings outside of our designated centers at this time. All other activities will continue to be conducted via Zoom.

FAQS FOR MEETINGS AT SGI-USA CENTERS

Q1: What kind of meetings can be held at approved SGI-USA centers?

A1: Monthly Kosen-rufu Gongyo meetings and weekly Soka Spirit meetings on Sunday.

Q2: Will attendees at SGI-USA centers have to wear a mask even though they are fully vaccinated*?

A2: Please follow local government guidelines for wearing masks. If local guidelines allow, then the wearing of masks can be up to each member's discretion. Attendees should not be judgmental one way or the other.

Q3: What if a member forgets or does not have a digital ID to enter a center?

A3: All members who enter a center MUST show proof of vaccination. There are no exceptions to this. For members that either forget or do not have a digital ID, they must present their original Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card and bring proof of identification. This may cause a delay in them being able to attend meetings that day.

Q4: What is the policy for admitting guests at our centers?

A4: Since guests do not have access to a digital ID, they must present their original Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card, be accompanied by their sponsor or member who knows them and show proof of identification. IMPORTANT: Guests should be informed of this before coming to our centers. Walk-in guests will not be permitted. We can give them literature and connect them with a local leader.

Q5: What if a member has underlying health conditions and decides not to get vaccinated, or is advised by a professional not to do so?

A5: All members who enters a center MUST be fully vaccinated. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

Q6: What is the policy for admitting youth who may not have had the opportunity to get vaccinated yet?

A6: Everyone who enters a center MUST be fully vaccinated. Youth who have not been vaccinated yet will not be permitted to enter. Covid-19 vaccines are now available for ages 12 and up. For children under the age of 12, it is likely that vaccines will become available in the near future.

Q7: What if a Future Division member has been fully vaccinated but does not have a digital ID?

A7: For Future Division members that do not have a digital ID due to not having a registered portal account with SGI-USA, they or their parent/guardian (if present) must present their original Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card.

Q8: What if a member has been fully vaccinated but is still hesitant to attend in-person meetings at a center?

A8: For members that are vaccinated but hesitant to attend in-person meetings, they can continue to attend virtual meetings, as they have up to now.

Q9: Will contributions be collected at centers when they reopen?

A9: Contributions can be made: (1) via the Membership Portal (with debit or credit card), (2) by calling Member Services at 855-744-2030 (Mon-Fri from 7am-5pm PT), or (3) by US mail (check, money order or cashier's check only). There will be no collection tables (kofu fund) at our centers.

FAQS FOR MEETINGS OUTSIDE OF SGI-USA CENTERS

Q10: What is the policy for in-person home visits?

A10: At this initial stage, SGI-USA does not take responsibility for in-person home visits with the exception of the enshrinement of a new member's Gohonzon where all parties must be fully vaccinated. The "HOMS" guidelines remain in place.

"HOMS" Guidelines: For home visitations, let's all strictly observe the following guidelines:

H for Healthy—Both participants should be healthy (and of course, no "surprise" visits in these circumstances).

O for Outdoors—Do not visit indoors.

M for Masked—Definitely no visits allowed unless both parties wear masks.

S for Socially Distance—Keep 6' distance at all times