Conduct Electronic Meetings For COVID-19 Prevention

Open Meetings Act Compliance Requirements

Visit coronavirus.dc.gov for information about prevention of COVID-19

Open Meetings Regulations Requirements

- Due to the threat of Coronavirus Transmission, the Office of Open Government encourages public bodies to conduct its meetings electronically or by teleconference, when possible, during this public health crisis.
- The public is also encouraged to attend meetings remotely or view recordings of meetings, when possible.

This presentation provides general information regarding how a public body may hold meetings remotely and comply with the Open Meetings Act.

Requirements

- Provide a dial-in number for the public to participate in the meeting if the meeting is held by teleconference;
- Provide login information if the meeting is held by web-conference;
- Record the meeting by electronic means; and
- Take all votes by roll call.

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How to Protect Yourself from COVID-19

The symptoms that are currently being seen with COVID-19 are fever and respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath. To help prevent the spread of germs, you should:

- •Multiple times a day, wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- •Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- •Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- •Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- •Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if you have symptoms of acute respiratory illness.
- •Stay home from work or school until you are free of fever, signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours and without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medications.
- •Seek medical attention if you have reason to believe you have been exposed to coronavirus or influenza. Call your healthcare provider before visiting a healthcare facility.

For more information visit: https://coronavirus.dc.gov/page/how-protect-yourself-covid-19