



Job's Daughters

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JDI Forward

COVID-19 Measures for Supreme Session 2021

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Supreme Session 2021 Basics

We are excited, as an organization, to be able to hold a Supreme Session once again. It has been a very long 17 months and we are encouraged to see JDI just beginning to emerge from this pandemic as committed to our members as we have always been. That commitment includes a focus on the health and safety of our members and thus this will not be like any Supreme Session we have held previously. We ask that understanding and cooperation prevail as we celebrate the fact that we can hold this Session at all. Since Supreme Session 2021 will include attendance from a variety of jurisdictions, health-based requirements and modifications will be in effect for all in-person attendees. These requirements and event modifications are not put in place lightly and have been vetted with public health professionals. While we understand some attendees will find these alterations inconvenient, we also know that inconvenience will be far outweighed by the care and concern we all have for the members.

Attendees are encouraged to stay home or isolated if feeling ill or if they have had exposure to suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Supreme Session 2021 COVID Modifications Executive Summary

- All attendees at Supreme Session 2021 will be required to wear a mask indoors and on tour transportation regardless of vaccination status.
- All activities, competitions, meal functions and meetings will have modifications for distancing and sanitation protocols.
- All Daughters, Bees and Youth in attendance will be required to have a waiver on file.

Please refer to specific details that can be found in the following sections of this document.

We know this is not what you are used to at a Supreme Session, but we all know the unprecedented times we are currently enduring. It will take everyone in attendance to make the Supreme Session environment warm, welcoming, safe and fun.

Finally, we have recently noticed that some states are limiting cross border travel due to the emerging Delta variant. Before you leave home PLEASE double check on the latest Virginia governmental mandates as well as any states you may be crossing by vehicle. Additionally, for those renting large multi-person vans for travel be aware of any COVID guidelines from your rental company or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If we notice anything of extra importance or new emerging information we will make sure the Supreme Session 2021 Facebook page is updated – if you are not yet a member of that page then please join - **JDI Supreme Session 2021**.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out.

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Section 1: Mask Requirements

All attendees over the age of 2 will be required to wear a mask indoors while attending Supreme Session functions and activities regardless of vaccination status. This includes all sales areas, registration area, meeting spaces, lobby areas and competition waiting areas.

A neck gaiter or a mask with exhalation valves or vents are not as effective and should not be used at Supreme Session 2021.

Section 2: Competition Modifications

All competition rooms will have modifications that include extra spacing between group competitors and between competitors and judges. Sanitation protocols will be in place. Competitors in Ritual and Performing Arts will be allowed to remove their mask temporarily for their competition once they are ready to begin as defined by each specific competition below. Extra distancing will occur in all competition waiting areas and competitors are asked to not gather in small spaces. Competition times will be spread out a bit to avoid crowds waiting to compete. Judges and room monitors will remain masked. Competitors are asked to not approach the judge's table.

Performing Arts Competition:

- Extra distance enforced between the competitor and the judges
- Competitors may remove their mask once they are in the room and ready for the performance and replace the mask as soon as the performance is complete and prior to leaving the room.
- Competitors should arrive in their competition attire and avoid changing in the Convention Center space
- Any microphones will be cleaned between performances

Ritual Competition:

- The Messengers semicircle will have extra spacing
- Competitors will remain masked as they enter the room and sit in their chair. They may remove their mask once they are in place and prepared to speak.
- There will be no specific robe judging, general appearance will be what is taken into account
- Competitors should arrive in their regalia and avoid changing in the Convention Center space

Section 3: Meeting Modifications

Since we have so many registered attendees, extra care in the 5 largest group settings is needed. Modifications for those events is outlined below.

- **Seating:** Seating for the big events (Formal Opening, Supreme Bethel Meeting, Miss International Pageant, Supreme Bethel Installation and Supreme Guardian Council Installation) will be based on Jurisdiction. This provides some jurisdictional separation and also allows spaces between Jurisdictions. The chairs in the convention center will be spaced more than usual and we ask that space be maintained.
- **Participation Line Up:** For those taking part in one of the big events, the preparation line ups will have extra spacing, please avoid congregating.
- **Singing:** In large indoor groups like ours singing can cause virus spread. While we know it will be disappointing, we are asking that the audience not sing along to the usual Job's Daughter songs in the meetings. Additionally, all national anthems will be pre recorded with singers. Humming along with a mask on is acceptable.
- **Microphone and Podium Usage:** We will have one speaker at a time on a microphone or at a podium. The microphone will be cleaned between uses. The speaker may remove their mask when at the microphone and promptly replace it when done speaking.
- **Room set up, Opening/Closing Formations and Escorts :** The Bethel Room set up will be expanded for more spacing. Opening and Closing formations will be modified for more spacing. Escorts will not be in physical contact with those being escorted to allow for distancing.

Section 4: Tour Modifications

Anyone taking a tour with the JDI arranged transportation must wear a mask while on board. Additionally, on the larger buses the first row of seats will remain empty and temperatures will be taken as per the requirements of the bus company. Additionally, masks are to be worn at indoor tour venues.

Section 5: Activity Modifications

We have several activities at Supreme Session 2021 that will see modifications to help avoid virus spread.

- **Performance Showcase:** The Showcase is being held in the largest room possible. Seating is spread out to allow for social distancing. Performers will have extra spacing between themselves and the audience. Performers can remove their mask for the performance and microphones will be cleaned in between performances.

- **Bee Hive:** All indoor Bee Hive activities and meetings will require masks
- **Craft Room:** Craft room activities will be individually packaged
- **Nightly Vespers:** Vesper ceremonies will be held as an ending to the day and will require masks and social distancing. Several Vespers will be held outside, weather permitting. Wednesday Vespers will end with singing on the balconies at the Embassy Suites, masks will be required while singing and extra social distancing will be required.
- **Photography:** There will be photo stops and group photos, in each of these cases we are guided by the CDC guidelines on incidental contact. We encourage outdoor photos, but where that does not happen photography subjects may remove masks for a quick photograph and then promptly readorn their mask. This will apply for things like award and scholarship recipients as well.

Section 6: Meals and Banquets

Supreme Session scheduled meals will have extra spacing utilizing larger tables or limited settings. Wait staff will be wearing masks and attendee masks are to be worn into the event but of course may be removed while actively eating or drinking. Masks should be worn for any program or award ceremony presented. Adding extra table settings will not be allowed to maintain spacing.

Section 7: Daughter, Bee and Youth Waiver

All Daughters, Bees and Youth are required to have a Supreme Session waiver on file. This waiver can be obtained from the Supreme office or from the 2021 Supreme Arrangements Committee. All registered Daughters, Bees and Youth have already been sent this waiver by the Supreme Arrangements team.

Section 8: General Mitigation

Attendees are encouraged to stay home or isolated if feeling ill or if they have had exposure to suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. Anyone feeling ill is asked to not come into the Convention Center space, make personal arrangements to isolate and be seen by a local healthcare professional.

Hand Sanitizer stations will be scattered throughout the facility and should be used often, social distancing guidelines are in place throughout the facility and cleaning protocols have been increased.