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Covid-19 Reopening & FAQ

From the Chronicler

Greetings,

With the announcement of the reopening of the SCA by the Board of Directors, and the subsequent meetings of the Crown with the Populace, a number of questions have been answered. In an effort to have information available to everyone this special edition has been put together. Please feel free to print it and have it on hand for reference.

This information is current as of May 2021.

Please consult the Kingdom Website FAQ for future updates and announcements:

<https://www.atenveldt.org/covid19/>

Please do not hesitate to send feedback or ideas for future issues to the Chronicler mailbox:

chronicler@atenveldt.org

Yours in Service,
Lion Ari Usni, OL OP
Atenveldt Kingdom Chronicler



Detail of an Illumination by Lion Ari Usni, 2009

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Words From the Crown & Heirs

Greetings Unto the Great and Wise Populace of Atenveldt!

It is with the highest exaltation that We, Morgan and Elizabeth along with Our Heirs and Seneschal, share with you these words. We have all longed for the moments that we can join one another again to celebrate our common interests and activities. With thoughtful consideration and hope, the Board of Directors and SCA, Inc have initiated our opportunities to meet in camaraderie and joy.

Beginning June 1, We can initiate Our first phase of celebrations. Be mindful please, that these gatherings are not without their limitations. While We know & understand that not all of you will agree with every piece of these restrictions, We also know that we are all eager to rejoice and that we can work together, carefully and with extreme caution within the rule-set for return outlined below. We must ensure we offer no reason to return to the restrictions we've had to embrace this last year. We must, as a community, be cautious with our most vulnerable. We know that the good people of Our lands, especially Our peers and landed nobles, will draw upon the deepest reserves of honor and valor to usher in what surely will mean a new era of comportment between us all.

Though this is the first communication, it will absolutely not be the last. We ask that you not begin planning events or practices until We have established Our Kingdom protocol to remain consistent and safe within the guidelines released today. Prior to the launch of these restricted events, We must determine Our most effective path forward. We will be establishing meetings to speak with a variety of groups to ensure consistency and caution in the hopes that our strength and resilience allows us to include broader and more frequent gatherings. Between now and June 1, We will continue to actively monitor CDC guidelines, We will partner and consult with Our cousins through the Known World to share what we learn and We will share with the Board of Directors Our stories and suggestions. For now, here are the requirements as set forth by the Board:

1. *Masks that fully cover the mouth and nose must be worn by all attendees over the age of 4 at all times and during all activities except for eating and drinking;*
2. *Court, bardic circles, or any activity that involves voice projection shall also require that masks be worn at all times. Sound amplification devices are highly recommended;*
3. *No day board, water bearing, or food of any kind shall be provided by event staff or attendees to other attendees. All attendees must provide their own food and beverages;*
4. *While consuming food or beverages, attendees are required to remain stationary and follow social distancing rules;*
5. *No overnight camping shall be allowed;*
6. *All events shall be held outdoors;*
7. *There shall be a maximum of 150 people at any event; and*
8. *All events shall require preregistration.*

These are non-negotiable, and We must maintain a zero-tolerance policy for any exceptions to the above rules. With that in mind, We continue to discuss options for how to accomplish our gatherings while following these requirements. We know that you will be both gracious and patient with the officers and autocrats as we all move forward toward Our common goal of a fully reopened and active kingdom. We all have questions about what this will mean for Us and for Our calendar of events; however We know without a doubt that if we are reckless or impatient, We run the risk of increasing dangers to Our populace and our greater communities. We must call upon the values we hold dear to balance prudence with hope. We will not risk you, our family, in a rush to resume activities. We are together in this and with all of you. We will proceed as quickly as caution will permit.

Our eternal thanks for your loving support over this last year and more. You will hear of more plans soon!

Link to Resolution Document: <https://www.sca.org/April2021resolution>

Please as always send any commentary to Crown@atenveldt.org, Heirs@atenveldt.org, Seneschal@atenveldt.org

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SCA Board of Directors: A Resolution

From: The Board of Directors, and the offices of the Society Seneschal, and President

Date: April 1, 2021

Subject: Resolution

On March 23, 2021, the Board of Directors passed the following:

Resolution to Lift Suspension of In-Person Activity in the SCA as of June 1, 2021

- I. Whereas the challenge created by the COVID-19 Global Pandemic demanded heightened safety standards which led to a suspension of in-person activity in North America by the SCA Board of Directors;
- II. Whereas the crisis of the Pandemic is being addressed through a combination of social policy, as well as scientific and medical advancements;
- III. Whereas the SCA Board of Directors continues to prioritize the health and well-being of the membership and participants of the SCA; and
- IV. Whereas the directed suspension of in-person events in North America expires after May 31st, 2021; now, therefore, be it
- V. Resolved, that the SCA Board of Directors lifts the suspension of in-person activity in North America, effective June 1, 2021, provided adherence to the items in this resolution;
- VI. Resolved, that all attendees in North America must follow all province, territory, state, and local health guidelines at SCA events. In addition, at all North American SCA events:
 - A. Masks that fully cover the mouth and nose must be worn by all attendees over the age of 4 at all times and during all activities except for eating and drinking;
 - B. Court, bardic circles, or any activity that involves voice projection shall also require that masks be worn at all times. Sound amplification devices are highly recommended;
 - C. No day board, water bearing, or food of any kind shall be provided by event staff or attendees to other attendees. All attendees must provide their own food and beverages;
 - D. While consuming food or beverages, attendees are required to remain stationary and follow social distancing rules;
 - E. No overnight camping shall be allowed;
 - F. All events shall be held outdoors;
 - G. There shall be a maximum of 150 people at any event; and,
 - H. All events shall require preregistration.
- VII. Resolved, that the SCA Board of Directors mandates applicable Kingdoms who have determined that it is safe to host in-person events before June 1st, 2021 or who propose any deviation from the above restrictions to request a variance from the Society Seneschal in order to hold the proposed event. The Society Seneschal shall have the authority to grant or deny these requests. These requests will be reviewed by the Board using the same review method used for variances to Corpora;
- VIII. Resolved, that small local gatherings including, but not limited to: guild meetings, officer meetings, and local martial activities including archery and thrown weapons shall remain at the discretion of the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, in accordance with province, territory, state, and local health guidelines. Virtual events as alternatives continue to be a viable option;
- IX. Resolved, that enforcement of this resolution will be handled by the Society Seneschal and President of SCA Inc.; and,
- X. Resolved, that the SCA Board of Directors commends the hard-working officers, royalty, membership, and participants who have allowed the SCA to continue to flourish virtually as we lift this suspension and transition forward in a manner consistent with recommended health and safety standards.

The President and the Society Seneschal have been given the responsibility of implementing the resumption of events within the rules above and adjusting the strictures as needed with Board approval.

As per item (H) in the Resolution, SCA, Inc. has available the Event Module for the mandatory pre-registration process. All kingdoms are encouraged to utilize this tool. More information will be forthcoming from the SCA Accounting Specialist, Mazelle Attiya. If you would like to contact her about this available option, she can be reached at treasurer@sca.org.

Questions or comments should be sent directly to president@sca.org and seneschal@sca.org or your board Ombudsman.

This is our first step toward the resumption of SCA events. Working with the corporate officers and with input from the various kingdoms, we will continue to assess the pandemic environment and make changes going forward as needed, either to add further restrictions or relax existing ones as the situation allows.

No matter what safety precautions we put in place, there is no substitute for each individual being educated about the risk to themselves and their loved ones, and making responsible choices to protect themselves and others from this virus.

We look forward to seeing many of you, in person and in garb, as we prepare to begin in-person events again.

Link to Resolution Document: <https://www.sca.org/April2021resolution>



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Memorandum – Statement Regarding Proof of Vaccinations, Negative COVID Tests, and Temperature Checks of Attendees at Society Events.

April 23, 2021 | Kelly Magill

The Society has received several inquiries regarding the possibility of individual Kingdoms requiring proof of vaccinations, negative COVID tests, and temperature checks of attendees at Society events. There have been comments submitted both for and in opposition to such additional requirements. The Board, President and Society Seneschal have discussed these requests and comments as well as the March 23, 2021, Board resolution taking effect on June 1, 2021, that lifts the current suspension of in-person activities in the SCA in North America. The Board Resolution established certain requirements for events and cited the necessity to follow all federal, provincial, state, and local laws effective on June 1, 2021, and past that date.

The Board, President, and Society Seneschal are agreed that Kingdoms, and all groups below Kingdom status, shall only be permitted to request proof of vaccination, a negative COVID test, or temperature checks where required by federal, provincial, state, or local laws. No variances will be granted that do not comply with this interpretation.

This position complies with the March 23, 2021, Board resolution, as well as the longstanding rules of Corpora for admission to SCA events. While we recognize the disappointment that some members of the Society may feel in this position, it is important to remember that the Society does not require proof of vaccination for any other communicable disease in order to attend events. Requiring proof of vaccination would have the practical effect of unfairly banning members and their families that are not able to be vaccinated despite their desire to do so (such as certain minors and people with allergic reactions).

Commentary on this topic can be sent via email to sca-comments@sca.org. Please use the term "Vaccination Policy" in the subject line. Do not include attachments when using this email address, as the spam filter will block messages with attachments. All commentary should be placed in the body of the email.

In lieu of email, commentary may be sent by US Mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:
Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
RE: Vaccination Policy
P.O. Box 360789
Milpitas, CA 95036-0789

PDF version: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SCA-Vaccination-Statement.pdf>

Covid-19 Reopening & FAQ

Populace of Atenveldt, The Crowns and Heirs salute you and hope these letters find you well.

On Sunday, the 11th of April, a variety of meetings were scheduled to consider and share information specific to the Board of Directors (BoD) Reopening announcement. This is a collection of details and questions gathered in those meetings. We thank you for your attendance and participation.

While we are all eager to reopen and begin to meet in person, we have been given some strict guidelines to follow and based on these additional guidelines, the Crowns, heirs and seneschals will not be reopening the existing kingdom calendar for gatherings and events as of June 1st, but are committed to reviewing options and guidelines to determine if, and how, we might be able to reopen beyond that date based on data available at the end of May.

Prior to planning any gathering, we must collect and prepare a significant amount of information specific to local ordinances across these lands (the modern state of Arizona) which are vast and varied from one municipality to the next. In spite of the way the announcement reads, we must submit our plans (to the BoD) prior to any events occurring.

What you can expect, and what we know now:

Reopening Options Timeline:

The crowns and heirs will share an outline for reopening options by the end of May, or the seneschals will confirm an extension of closure for the Kingdom of Atenveldt depending on the landscape at that time. We do not have a strong reopening plan currently, and will be able to come up with a firmer plan once we know more from our various locales.

Calendar Considerations:

If reopening can occur, all initial events and activities will be administered at the kingdom level, regardless of location. This means that local or baronial events and practices will be considered the same as any event. We will spread any activities or event approvals across locations as much as possible to ensure maximum opportunity to attend.

- Reopening at a local or municipal level independent of Kingdom oversight will only occur if all of our groups are able to meet the requirements of their local municipalities.
- The current calendar is not in force; all events scheduled on the calendar even beyond the proposed reopen date are considered cancelled unless or until we accomplish a balanced, sustainable and enforceable method of event management.
- The goal is a well-balanced calendar with 2 – 3 weeks between events to permit quarantine in the event of illness
- Please continue as many gatherings and officer meetings via Zoom as possible to keep people connected, move functions forward and minimize competition with in-person gathering potential
- Any gatherings scheduled will require publication and formal calendar acknowledgement

Planning and Ideas:

We want to hear from you, and as you develop ideas, please know there will be zero tolerance of bending/manipulating or ignoring the rules as set forth by the Board of Directors and local municipal requirements. Whatever guidelines are in place at the time of our reopening, refusing to follow those guidelines will mean immediate expulsion from the event.

Inappropriate mask wearing or design will be given one opportunity to correct to required standards or will be invited to leave the gathering. This is non-negotiable.



General FAQ

Question: Why are we being so strict? This is an organization of honor and people should be able to make their own decisions about their health.

Answer: If we can't rely on everyone to agree to and follow our basic requirements; we will be unable to expand our gatherings in size and scope. We must do this well and carefully.

Question: Shouldn't fighter practices and meetings be separate from events? What's the big deal? Will they compete with other events for space on the calendar?

Answer: Fighter practices, like any meetings or gatherings, represent SCA activities with local and state governments. The challenges we face for a practice are just as many, maybe even more, than a small, informal event. In fact, fighter practices, like any gathering, will require pre-registration and must conform to the same guidelines as events.



Detail of a miniature of a knight amongst the nightshade. By Lion Ari Usni, OL OP 2005

Question: Can we require proof of vaccination, COVID testing or temperature checks to allow attendance? What if people are willing to wear pins or show their cards?

Answer: We cannot record, require or even ask whether people have been vaccinated. In Arizona, health professionals must be qualified even to take a temperature. We can, and will, post public signs insisting that those with symptoms or those feeling ill do not enter. If people wish to wear pins, it would likely make others around them feel more comfortable prior to interaction, but it is not something we can require.

Question: Are we only considering outdoor events?

Answer: At this time, the BoD requirements do insist that all events be outdoors. Our initial plans should include outdoor plans for all events; however, we are open to ideas and suggestions that will allow us to request variances event to event. For any event or gathering that should be indoors, we would need a great explanation as to why the outdoors will not work for that gathering type, the activities pursued and any characteristics unique to that location.

Question: Are any restrictions likely to change as people get vaccinated? Any feel for it?

Answer: Guidelines are unlikely to change quickly. The goal is to hold steady, determine successes or areas that need more work, then re-evaluate.

Question: Who will be enforcing compliance with the Board directives and requirements?

Answer: We are looking into who and how many folks will be needed to act as COVID Courtesy Officers. These may be people named prior to events, or may be volunteer arrangements made at the time of pre-registration, but please know that we will name them and we have confidence that they will be treated with all due respect. Whomever these gentles may be, they will have the support of the royals and the seneschal's office at their disposal.



Detail of a miniature "Non Timetis Messor" - Don't Fear the Reaper. By Lion Ari Usni, OL OP 2005

Question: What will we do with walk ups or newcomers? What about loaner gear; are the rules the same as other rules about not sharing like food and drink?

Answer: Right now, we are focused on the pre-registration requirement for attendees. It is safe to assume that if one is not registered for the event, they are precluded from attendance. Specific to newcomers, there may be opportunity for a chatelaine or gold-key type position to manage opportunities as they arise. Loaner gear, at this time, is considered under the sharing rules, and thus not permitted. We will be happy to review ideas and options to consider when making our event planning proposals.

Question: With limits on attendance numbers, how do we do this kingdom-wide; if an event is occurring in a geographic region, would priority registration be given to local residents, or will decisions be based on precedence?

Answer: Local region attendance is definitely a consideration; all initial events would be kingdom managed regardless of location and type of gathering, etc. The required attendees would be counted (royals, landed nobles, applicable officers and coordinators) and the attendee availability would then be negotiated depending on location, event type and whether one has already attended an event in recent weeks. We know that we will be asking those who have early opportunity to attend to make way for those who have not.

Question: What are the event and gathering priorities for Reopening Phase I?

Answer: While many imagine that Coronation is the highest priority, the crowns and heirs have been working together to ensure that this event can be attended by as many as possible to witness the three peerages scheduled for that event, in addition to the celebration of Their Royal Highness's ascension. It may also seem that fighter practice, scribal meetings and the like are our best option, though these gatherings create the same challenges as coronation making them just as complex to coordinate and schedule.

It has been suggested and well received that our first gatherings be similar to our society's first events: A simple get-together. Our first plans and requests for scheduling, with or without variances, will likely be an opportunity for a purely social gathering that allows us to try on our garb, spend some time together, and celebrate our opportunity to be in the same location doing what we love.

Estrella War FAQ

Question: What's happening with Estrella; when will we know whether it is happening?

Answer: Knowing that Estrella is so critical to the kingdom, culturally, emotionally and financially for so many, we have every hope that this event will still occur in 2021. We have deposits and contractual obligations that limit our timelines and prevent us from pushing this decision out too far in the future. We are committed to making decisions about Estrella by June 15. This allows us to cancel, if we must, without losing funds.

Question: Estrella planning/managing how is that happening while there are no formal gatherings?

Answer: Currently, our required management of the movement from Schnepf Farm to the Country Thunder site in Florence has been largely opted in with managed (paid) professionals, heightened scheduling discussions, very small groups and careful management. You will note that we have not had open calls for volunteers during this transition, nor do we expect to engage in open calls or large gatherings.

Question: If Estrella doesn't happen in November, could it happen in February of 2022?

Answer: If we have to cancel and move it, it would likely be Fall of 2022 based on limited site availability and other calendar obligations across the Known World, but never say never. We will always seek options to make it happen and the Estrella Staff has proven themselves to be thoughtful, flexible and ever vigilant with regard to opportunities for a successful Estrella War. For now, we still all hope that stars align and the SCA, the site and the town are all confirmed that we can entertain several thousand people camping together, as well as numbers from health organizations confirming that these types of gatherings are not the impetus for illness spikes, which would allow us to confidently proceed with the event.



Detail of a miniature of a knight riding away from a castle, watched by king Evalac. *Etoire del Saint Graal, La Queste del Saint Graal, Morte Artu* (1st quarter of the 14th century) London, British Library. Royal 14 E III f. 21

In Closing

While there were many other fantastic questions ranging from interpretations of the requirements to managing loaner gear and even expired authorization management, we have additional information to gather before providing answers. This will not be the last information you receive! There will be on-going meetings scheduled with a variety of work groups where we will address as many of your questions as possible, with the intention of finding lasting and consistent solutions.

The landed nobility has agreed to the task of researching the local ordinances and sites in their areas so that we might generate an abbreviated version of the calendar in the right places and times. They have committed to sharing these details with us by Mid-May or sooner. Combining these details with the updated information provided by health organizations and the BoD at that time will allow us to quickly confirm if a reopening will be acceptable.

Thank you for taking time out of your weekend to understand where we are heading. We want to be careful. We are very fortunate to have the groups that we do and it has been heart touching that we have been so diligent that our losses, though heavy on our minds, have been few in number.

We will be generating surveys which will come out soon. Please keep an eye out for them and share with other interested parties! As information becomes available, we will roll it out as quickly as possible. We must ensure thoughtful process is applied at every phase rather than constant change in all directions. We all appreciate your attendance and assure you that you will hear from us soon.

**If you have more questions, comments, suggestions feel free to E-Mail:
atenveldtcovidquestions@atenveldt.org**

**Their Royal Majesties, Highness, and the Kingdom Seneschal will all be contacted
 with this email account.**

Kingdom Current Event Calendar

May	June	July
<p>1 June Southwind Submission due Bids Due for November Coronation</p> <p>15 Huapahua (Virtual) Kingdom of Atlantia</p> <p>15 - 23 Bardic War (Virtual) Middle Kingdom</p>	<p>1 July Southwind Submission due</p> <p>4 - 6 Known World Colegio de Iberia II (Virtual) West Kingdom</p> <p>12 Known World Science Symposium (Virtual) Kingdom of Atlantia</p>	<p>1 August Southwind Submission due</p> <p>6/29 - 7/3 Battlemoor POSTPONED TO 2022</p>
August	September	October
<p>1 September Southwind Submission due</p>	<p>1 October Southwind Submission due</p>	<p>1 November Southwind Submission due</p>



CROWN IN ATTENDANCE



TRM Morgan & Elizabeth | TRH Cypser & Mineko

NOTICE: All forthcoming events are subject to being canceled if, at the time the event is to be held, modern civil authorities have issued restrictive orders related to public gatherings pursuant to their COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

