

Attached is the email correspondence with Madam Mayor and Assistant director of the Kern County Public Health Department.

In regard to the Governor's curfew between 10pm and 5pm, Narcotics Anonymous meetings have been deemed "essential".

If you should be pulled over this should suffice.

Please, be mindful that social distancing and other safety measures such as masks ARE TO BE USED in order that we stay in good standing and may keep our meetings "essential".

This is keeping within our traditions which are "not negotiable in order to keep our fellowship alive and free."

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.

4. Each Group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting other Groups, or NA, as a whole.

10. NA has no opinion on outside issues; hence, the NA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at Andrea D. 661-817-5789



Andrea Dennison <andreadennison312@gmail.com>

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**Fwd: to KCNA Vice Chair FW: Kern County Narcotics Anonymous (Andrea Dennison)**

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Good morning Ms. Dennison,

According to our review of the essential businesses list, the following is listed:

“Behavioral and mental health workers responsible for coordination, outreach, engagement, and treatment to individuals in need of mental health and/or behavioral services.”

Narcotics Anonymous would likely fit within this category and be allowed within the Governor’s Orders. Since Narcotics Anonymous is likely held in an in-person group setting, we would urge you to implement safety measures to ensure adequate social distancing can be maintained by attendees and that appropriate hand hygiene resources are available. If you need anything further, please let us know.

Thanks!  
Brynn

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**Subject:** RE: Kern County Narcotics Anonymous (Andrea Dennison)

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Good evening, Ms. Dennison,

Thank you for contacting my office with your concern about Narcotics Anonymous meetings. I tried calling you, but the message says that your voice mailbox is not yet set up. I am forwarding your email to Kern County Public Health for guidance.

Best regards,

Karen

**Karen Goh | Mayor**

City of Bakersfield

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**Subject:** Kern County Narcotics Anonymous

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Mayor Goh,

I am coming to you urgently as an admin member of Kern County Narcotics Anonymous ( KCNA) asking for your help or advice/ direction on how we can go about reopening our meetings. I understand the severity of the Covid-19 pandemic however I also understand the epidemic known as addiction. Thousands of addicts die every day and I'm assuming many more since quarantine was set in place. I know some of our surrounding areas have been able to resume their meetings with strict adherence to social distancing and taking proper precautions because addiction/alcoholism is classified as a disease through the cdc and meetings are considered "essential". We have done our best to cater to our members by hosting meetings on various platforms but I know many are dying because of the inability to make it to a regular meeting. If you could please get back to me I would greatly appreciate your time and consideration to maybe figure out a plan to reopening with restrictions. My phone number is 16618175789. Thank you again for your time and for all that you are doing. I'm sure your plate is full and you do not need yet another issue added to that plate. I pray you are blessed and your family is healthy. -andrea dennison



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