

The Grand Bethel Board agreed to use the KS Board of Education Gating Criteria to be our measure for holding an in-person or virtual Grand Bethel event.

- the criteria was updated on 9/1 and will be next reviewed by the Board of Education on 9/8
- When using this Gating Criteria, we will be focusing on 2 main statistics:
 - The 2 week County percentage positive rate
 - The 2 week cumulative County incidence rate
- As of 9/1, the STATE of Kansas was at a 16% positivity rate, which would fall under the Red Level, which would mean a virtual Grand Bethel would be necessary
- The GBG will continue to monitor numbers with our Counties and Saline County as well, and will update everyone if a decision has been made to make Grand Bethel Virtual

Additionally, last week the JDI Forward Handbook featuring COVID 19 considerations was distributed, and the following steps will be implemented for our Grand Bethel Event

- based on city, county, and venue guidance attendance may need to be limited
- A virtual option will be available for those unable to attend
- Carefully consider transporting any Daughter or adult who is not a member of your household. Please let parents know they are welcome to drive their Daughters and take part in the day's activities. Ultimately the driver is responsible for the safety of every individual in their car, and that includes COVID19 precautionary measures.
- Food WILL NOT be provided. This means that there is now NO COST for the day's events. Please coordinate as a Bethel if you will be bringing food with you or purchasing in town.
- Masks will be mandatory all day, from the road trip, meeting, and zoo. Masks may only be removed for eating and drinking.
- Health Assessments will be distributed to all Bethel Guardians to distribute to the girls and adults and we will be required prior to departure to participate in the weekend events. The assessments will be emailed to all by the end of the week.
- Temperature checks will be given upon arrival and are required to participate in the weekend events.
- Additional hand sanitizer, hand soap and paper towels will be made available to ensure proper hygiene.
- The meeting room will be set up for social distancing, so we may need to have to use the basement as a satellite location to view the meeting.
- A team will be in 1 hour prior to registration opening to thoroughly clean the Shrine top to bottom. Please do not arrive early so this process can be completed.
- Upon arrival we ask that Daughters immediately prepare to go to the basement to change for the meeting. Due to adequate spacing, we will not have space for adults

to change as well, so please arrive wearing what you intend to wear to the zoo. This change in dress code has been approved by the Grand Guardian. Daughters who are not Officers or Representatives are not required to change.

- Please be aware that there will need to be alterations for opening and closing marches. And there will be no singing, escorting, Flag presentation or coin march.
- During practice (weather permitting) adults will be asked to socially distance outside. In the case of inclement weather accommodations will be made. The GBBD will also be using this time while Daughters are practicing to set sidelines to adhere to social distancing and assessing if additional seating will be needed for seating in the basement.
- If the basement is used as a satellite viewing area for the meeting, we all adults promptly exit the basement, so the Daughters may change immediately.
- We will meet at the picnic tables at the Zoo for lunch, please bring your meal or purchase in town.
- Seating will need to be 6 feet across and alternating sides.
- While in the Zoo please tour as you wish, but be mindful of the JDI Forward Guidelines that were shared last week.
- We will not be able to hold the outdoor games.
- We will be holding our Worship Service at the Zoo at the picnic tables again prior to the end of our day.

The Board understands that this Grand Bethel will look vastly different from any we have seen before, but the importance is that we will have the opportunity to be together. Please create excitement as well as an understanding of the reality of what our first event together will look like. We are doing all we can to make this special for the girls, but it will not be exactly the same.

As of right now, we are trying to remain positive that numbers may decline and Grand Bethel can move forward as outlined, but we will be watching and updating you regularly if plans must be changed for the safety of our Daughters and adults.