



# The Key

## 92<sup>nd</sup> TSO Texas State Denton Convention June 17-19, 2021

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### Latest Details on Covid-19 Resources and Support

As the Denton Convention is drawing nearer, it is time that we address COVID protocol. We are encouraged that more people are getting vaccinated and the number of people contracting the disease is decreasing. Hopes are that we will be able to have the convention in order to conduct TSO business. That will be determined not only by achieving the number of Presidents/Executive Board attend the convention that we need in order to reach a quorum, but also that a number of all registrants is reached to justify the expenses of having the event.

The Steering Committee and Executive Board will continue to monitor the situation and if need be, will not hesitate to cancel. In the case of cancellation of the convention, all monies will be refunded.

We plan to continue to take as many precautions as feasible in order to protect our attendees. Governor Abbott has lifted the mask mandate for the state of Texas, leaving it up to individual businesses to make the decision if they request patrons to adhere to the policy. **TSO Convention will continue to encourage ALL attendees to wear masks and follow recommended prevention procedures during meetings and sessions.** Masks may be removed for meals and refreshments.

Spacing of chairs at dining tables and in sessions will be governed by how many attendees must be in that space. We recognize that we are limited by the space available but are in constant pursuit of possible ways to meet the needs of our members. That will be determined by the number of people we need to accommodate. Hopefully, we can be spaced out but that cannot be guaranteed. Another way we hope to protect you is by implementing a sticker system. You will have the opportunity to choose a red, yellow, or green sticker to add to your nametag at registration. Red will indicate that you wish for others to respect your space due to having compromised health or family with such and wish to be acknowledged with a wave hello, yellow will display that you want to be cautious but a little closer contact such as a fist bump is okay, green means you are comfortable with receiving a hug. We respect that everyone has their own comfort zone and others should recognize and follow their wishes.

The hotel takes many precautions including:

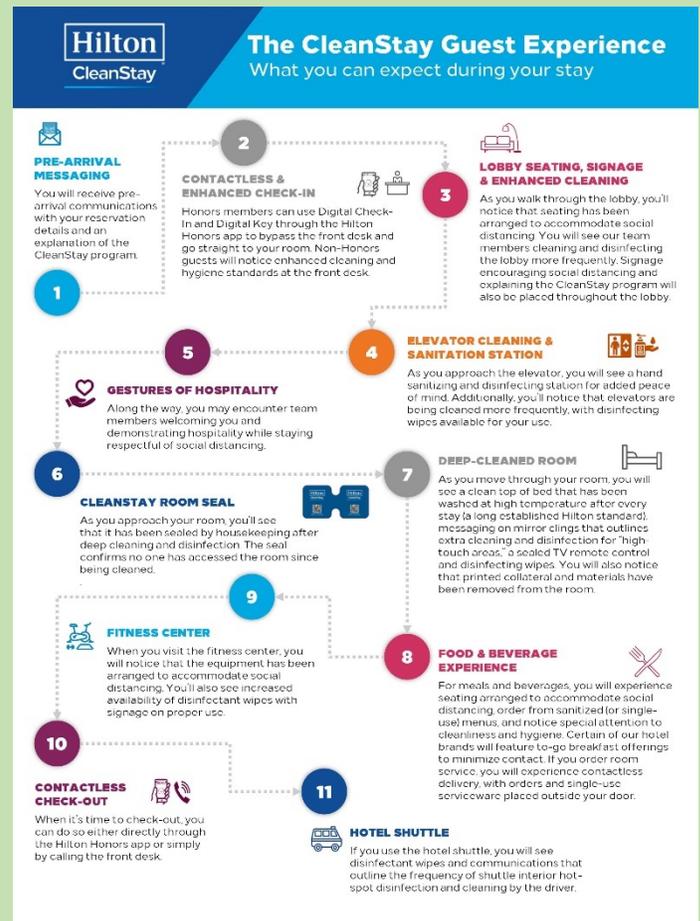
- All employees are screened prior to clocking in for their shift
- All guests are required to wear a mask in public spaces
- Masks are available to guests at front desk
- Hotel Breakfast is served cafeteria style instead of buffet, with all the options being the same
- Signage on all elevators indicating limited capacity of 4 unrelated guests per elevator or 1 family
- Daily housekeeping services are not provided during extended stays unless requested. Guest rooms are stocked with extra towels
- Sanitizing stations and handwipe stations are throughout the lobby and conference area
- Hypochlorous Acid Disinfectant Fogger (99.9999% effective) and Electrostatic Sprayer is used throughout the hotel
- Times will be scheduled between meetings to sanitize the ballrooms
- Touchless urns for coffee and hot water will be used
- Clean shield for each meeting space and all guestrooms indicates the area has been sanitized

- Gap period enforced between guest stays of 24 hours
- Temperature checks are available to guests
- Staff wears personal protective equipment
- Bed sheets and towels are washed at a temperature of at least 60°C/140°F
- Contactless check-in and check-out are available
- Commonly touched surfaces are cleaned with disinfectant
- Currently, the hotel shuttle is unavailable due to not being able to social distance within the van

As you can see, many precautions have been discussed and planned. Ultimately, it is each member's decision to determine if attending convention is in their best interest. If it is your choice, we cannot wait to see you in Denton.

Lou Hitt

Steering Committee Chairman



## Why I Attend the Convention

By Kim Bishop, Area 16 Coordinator



Most have mentioned friendships as the reason they attend the State Convention. This is one of the main reasons that I attend. The first year that I attended was when I was chapter president. I went to Frisco by myself. Some of my chapter friends were going to go with me but something came up for everyone and were not able to join me. When I checked in at the registration table, the registrar knew someone that lived in my area. This helped me make a connection with someone there. When I went to the president's training, I met the presidents from Jacksboro and Graham, two towns near me. These two became huge resources for me during my 2 years as president. I do not think I would have made it through without their support and friendships. Each year that I have attended I have added to my list of friends. What a blessing! Another thing I have found so beneficial about the convention is that I can earn Continued Professional Education (CPE) hours. I am still working and need these yearly, so this is an easy way to earn my hours without taking away from my summer vacation by traveling to the Education Service Center which is an hour from my house. Getting them at the convention is so easy. Eleanor Roosevelt put it beautifully, "For our own success to be real, it must contribute to the success of others". State convention has real teachers sharing in workshops that I can take back to my students and my DKG sisters. It is a win-win situation. I can attend the convention that I love and earn CPE's that I need.

### Choice Medical Equipment

Denton, Texas  
PH # 1-940-380-0455

Order by May 1<sup>st</sup>

Weekly Rate

- \$75 (3 wheel)
- \$85 (4 wheel)
- \$100 heavy duty

**Pick-up and delivery \$120 (will waive if at least 5 rentals)**

\$300 refundable deposit



## Scooter Rental

### Send your Registration Form

Get together with your DKG and chapter sisters to:

- plan a great bonding trip and stay (reserve your rooms)
- plan the events, sessions, and activities you will attend at the convention
- encourage, mentor a first timer (s)
- plan to attend the Presidents & Founders Banquet, 50+ Member Reception, and the Celebration Brunch

Plan on having tons of fun



## Have You Gotten Your Room Reserved?



3100 Town Center, Denton, Texas (off I-35)

Check-in 3 PM/Check-out 11 AM

Do not miss getting your comfortable, relaxing room at the Embassy Suites for the TSO Denton Convention June 17 -19, 2021.

Reserve your room today. To make your reservation go to [www.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.org) - click on the convention link, then hotel link - Use the group code DKG.

Thank you everyone for reserving your rooms with Embassy Suites Denton. Book your room (s) soon and help meet the DKG block of rooms.

The Denton Convention Center is just around the corner from the Reservation Desk. Check it out, pick-up your convention packet and all other goodies, drop off your Unifying Project CASA gift cards and meet up with your DKG and chapter friends.

Explore, Enjoy, Discover Your Possibilities!!!

## Unifying Project



Casa of Denton County is the recipient of the 2021 TSO Unifying Project. CASA is asking for gift cards for children to use for back-to-school items such as school clothes, toiletries, birthday gifts, tickets to movie theaters, restaurants, and sporting events.

Please bring a gift card or multiple cards in any amount up to \$50 from Target or Walmart.

Your Unifying Project gift cards will be collected near the registration area and the location will be designated with a sign.

Thank you for your participation

