

Subject: Freezing Payments, Videos, and Video Conferencing

Dear Rohai Dojo students, parents, and greater community,

Because we were unfortunately out of town when the COVID-19 pandemic reached the point of closing business down in the Bay Area, we are running behind in our responses to the situation and our communications with you. For this we apologize. Now that we've had a couple of days to catch up, we have these announcements:

1. All members' payments will be placed on hold; no one will be charged for the month of April, and we will evaluate the situation again as the time frame for this disruption becomes clearer. We understand that many of you, like us, are taking a financial hit from these events, and we will bear this in mind when we eventually are able to resume normal operations. Our primary concern is that everyone who wants to train continues to do so.

2. All members (as well as former members who might like to resume training) are invited to take part in video-conference classes, which we will be scheduling starting next week. Details will follow for each rank/age group.

3. We will continue to make short videos with suggestions for home training, and we very much hope all of you will continue to practice, stay in shape, and keep progressing in martial arts. We will also provide "homework" for each rank/age group, to help and inspire your training. Students who take part in videoconference training and who complete the "homework" will continue to receive credit for class attendance toward their next rank.

4. Students who were expecting to test for rank in March or April – we still hope to make it happen!

Videoconference testing? Testing at a distance in the park? If you are one of those students, please think about what space you have available for performing your techniques, katas, and weapons, and let us know if you have any questions.

Please stay in touch, let us know how you are doing, and share any thoughts or suggestions you may have.

Also, let us know you are staying healthy. It is our greatest hope that no one in the dojo community suffers from this terrible outbreak.

Stay well and keep training,

John Burns and Didi Goodman