



GATHERINGS

Individuals, social organizations, religious

Gatherings including religious, wedding, funeral, political, fundraising or other group events.

MANDATORY SAFETY MEASURES

MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES

- Masks or face coverings are required at all times for all attendees.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING REQUIRED

- All attendees, volunteers, and employees must adhere to six feet (6 ft.) physical distancing protocols during indoor or outdoor gatherings.

NUMERICAL GATHERING LIMITATIONS

- All indoor gatherings involving consumption of food or drink are limited to **25 people**.
- All indoor gatherings without food or drink are limited to **35 people**.
- All outdoor gatherings involving consumption of food or drink are limited to **60 people**.
- All outdoor organized gatherings without food or drink are limited to **100 people**.

EXCEPTIONS

- The gathering limitation does not limit drive-in events where groups remain within separate vehicles.
- The gathering limitation does not apply to educational and childcare settings such as daycares, day camps, or classrooms for grades pre-K through 12. For additional requirements for daycares and day camps, see Attachments A and B.
- The gathering limitation does not apply to university classrooms, which are instead subject to a capacity limitation based on a requirement to maintain six feet of physical distancing between different households.
- The gathering limitation does not apply to gathering for the purpose of worship or political expression where masks are continuously worn and where food and drink are not consumed. Worship services and political expression gatherings are instead subject to a capacity limitation based on a requirement to maintain six feet of physical distancing between different households.
- The gathering limitation does not apply to indoor shopping special events. These entities are instead subject to the limitations and other criteria in Attachment C.

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- The gathering limitation does not apply to gathering for the purpose of mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, or other forms of group therapy where masks are worn continuously and where food and drink are not consumed. These gatherings are instead subject to a capacity limitation based on a requirement to maintain six feet (6 ft.) of physical distancing between different households.

OPERATIONS

- Facilities and/or event organizers must maintain a log of everyone who is present.
 - This information may be maintained electronically.
 - Organizers are required to maintain these records for 30 days.
 - Log must contain date, first and last name, phone number, and email at a minimum.
 - The information in the log will not be shared unless needed for contact tracing.
- [Clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces including shared equipment, locker rooms, and restrooms. Use of shared equipment should be minimized.
 - Use products that meet [EPA disinfection criteria](#) and are appropriate for the surface.
 - When possible, areas with poor ventilation or small spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained should be avoided.
- Consumption of food and drink inside should be minimized to avoid multiple participants being unmasked at the same time.
- Organizers or hosts should ensure participants have access to hand washing capability or hand sanitizer and should encourage frequent hand hygiene.
- Organizers or hosts should ensure participants minimize sharing of objects, and clean and disinfect shared objects between different people to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND STAFF

- Provide training for staff (volunteers or employees) on COVID-19 and the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan.
- Designate an individual to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All staff (volunteers or employees) should know who this person is and how to contact them.
- Symptomatic or ill volunteers, employees, or participants may not participate in gatherings. Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should get tested, isolate at home, and follow public health recommendations.
- Close contacts of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 are required to quarantine for 10 days after their last contact, or for another length of time as advised by a public health professional, and may not participate in gatherings during quarantine.

COVID MITIGATION PLAN REQUIRED

- Each organizer or host must develop and maintain a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan that contains, at a minimum, the Operating Requirements in this document and other protocols to minimize close contact among individuals.

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- The COVID-19 Mitigation Plan must be available to participants and staff (volunteers and employees), and/or be kept on the premises.

IN THE EVENT OF OCCURRENCE

- According to CDC guidelines, anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 may not attend or participate in a gathering until cleared by public health.
- Anyone identified as a close contact to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 may not attend or participate during their quarantine period. Exceptions may exist for individuals who are fully vaccinated or recently recovered from COVID-19 if the CDC does not recommend quarantine based on their status.
- Anyone with symptoms is not allowed to attend or participate in a gathering.

QUESTIONS?

- Email us with questions at: COVID-19-business@anchorageak.gov