



PHASE 2 OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

Sector: Social, Religious and Other Gatherings

Types: Individuals and social organizations

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

RECOMMENDED SAFETY MEASURES

- Prioritize telephone and online activities to minimize contact where practical.
- Utilize different entry and exit points using one-way traffic, where possible.
- High-risk populations should be encouraged to stay home.
- Individual organizations may choose to be more restrictive.

REQUIRED SAFETY MEASURES

GENERAL

- Gatherings may include members from different households.
- Personnel, volunteers and participants must maintain six-foot physical distancing protocols. Physical distancing is not required for members of the same household.
- Cloth face coverings worn by all participants are recommended when gatherings include multiple households.
- Frequent hand washing by personnel and volunteers, and adequate supply of soap, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, and paper towels available onsite.

CAPACITY

For indoor gatherings including political, union, fundraising, or other group events, as well as meetings of individuals from different households:

- No gathering larger than 50 people is allowed, which includes the minimum number of necessary personnel to facilitate the event, or 50 percent maximum occupancy as required by law (whichever is smaller.)
- Gatherings may include non-household members.
- Six-foot distancing should be maintained between non-household members.
- If singing or projecting of voice, then a minimum of ten feet between each person, unless a face covering is worn.
- At gatherings including non-household members, cloth face coverings should be worn, when possible.

If the event is being held in a building that is open to the public, and not an individual's home:

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- Develop COVID-19 Mitigation Plan that contains, at a minimum, the Operating Requirements in this document and other protocols to minimize direct contact between employees and customers, increase physical distancing, and protect staff and the public.
 - The COVID-19 Mitigation Plan must be kept on the business premises.
- Entryway signage stating that any participant who has symptoms of COVID-19 must not enter the premises and notifying the public of the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan, where applicable, for the organization.
- Require persons enter and exit through different entries using one-way traffic, where possible.
- The organizer or facility must provide handwashing or sanitizer at entrance and in communal spaces.
- Organization must provide for hourly touch-point sanitization (e.g. workstations, equipment, screens, doorknobs, restrooms) throughout facility during the gathering.
- No food or drink may be provided, If allowed at venue, individuals may bring their own.
 - If individuals bring food, it shall only be available to members of the same household. or add similar restrictions for food establishments/self-serve buffets, etc.
 - Self-service items such as a buffet, salad bar, etc are prohibited.

CAPACITY: OUTDOORS

- Gatherings are limited to 50 people or less.
- Physical distancing of at least six feet must be maintained between individuals and groups of non-household members.
- If singing or projecting of voice, then a minimum of ten feet between each person, unless a face covering is worn.

CAPACITY: RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS

For Indoor Religious Services:

- No gathering larger than 50 people is allowed, which includes the minimum number of necessary personnel or volunteers to facilitate the service, or 50 percent maximum occupancy, as required by law (whichever is smaller.)
- Gatherings may include members from different households.
- Six-foot physical distancing should be maintained between non-household members.
- If singing or projecting of voice, then a minimum of ten feet between each person, unless a face covering is worn.
- At gatherings including non-household members, cloth face coverings should be worn, when possible.
- If in-person services instead of livestream or drive-in services are held:
 - Establish a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan addressing the practices and protocols to protect staff, volunteers and the public.
 - Entry signage must be posted notifying the public of the organization's COVID-19 Mitigation Plan and stating clearly that any person with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 may not enter the premises. Require persons enter and exit through different entries using one-way traffic, where possible.

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- The organizer or facility must provide handwashing or sanitizer for attendees.
- Establish protocols for sacrament, communion, or collecting offering with minimal handling of the offering plate and money, and proper sanitization of hands and disinfecting of surfaces.
- Frequent handwashing by staff and volunteers, and an adequate supply of soap, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, and paper towels must be available.
- Organization must provide for hourly touch-point sanitization (e.g., workstations, equipment, screens, doorknobs, restrooms) throughout facility during the gathering.

For Outdoor Religious Services:

- No gathering larger than 50 people is allowed.
- Social distance of at least six feet should be maintained between individuals and groups of non-household members.
- If singing or projecting of voice, then minimum of ten feet between each person, unless a safe covering is worn.
- Further guidance for community and faith-based organizations [can be found online](#).

PERSONNEL AND VOLUNTEERS

- Provide training for personnel and volunteers on COVID-19 and the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan for the organization.
- Conduct pre-shift screening and maintain personnel/volunteer screening log.
 - Organization is to maintain personnel/volunteer screening log for 30 days.
 - No employee/volunteer displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will be permitted to be in the facility.
 - An employee/volunteer who becomes sick while at work should be immediately sent home.
 - No person may work/volunteer within 72 hours of exhibiting fever.
- Symptomatic or ill employees/volunteers may not report to work/volunteer.
- Organization must establish a plan for an Occurrence of COVID-19 in the facility and include it in the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan. CDC guidance [here](#).

IN THE EVENT OF OCCURRENCE

- When an active employee or volunteer is identified as being COVID-19 positive by testing, CDC protocols for cleaning and disinfecting must be performed as soon after the confirmation of a positive test as practical. In lieu of performing CDC cleaning and disinfecting, organizations may close facilities for a period of at least 72 consecutive hours to allow for natural deactivation of the virus, followed by site personnel performing a comprehensive disinfection of all common surfaces.
 - CDC protocols for Cleaning and Disinfection can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

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QUESTIONS?

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