

Teton County Health Department

COVID-19 Guidance for Gatherings and Events



Reference: CDC Considerations for Events and Gatherings
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Face Coverings

- When in the Red (High) Risk Level the CDC recommends wearing a mask when in public, indoor settings.
- Organizations and event planners may develop their own mask policies for staff and patrons, as long as accommodations can be made for those requiring exemptions.
- Suggestions Include:
 - Staff that come within 6 feet of patrons and other staff should wear face coverings.
 - Patrons that come within 6 feet of other patrons should wear face coverings.
 - Provide free masks at the entrance, which can be obtained from the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce.

Modified layouts

- Offer online attendance options in addition to in-person attendance to help reduce the number of in-person attendees.
- Limit in-person attendance or seating capacity to allow for physical distancing.
- Change seating layout or availability so people can remain at least 6 feet apart.
- Use multiple, single-direction entrances and exits.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces within the venue before the event, at least daily, and as much as possible—for example, door handles, sink handles, grab bars, hand railings, and cash registers.
- Clean shared objects frequently, based on level of use—for example, payment terminals, tables, countertops, bars, and condiment holders.
- Consider closing areas such as drinking fountains that cannot be adequately cleaned during an event.

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

- Encourage staff and attendees to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently (for example, before, during, and after taking tickets, or after touching garbage).
- Encourage guests to avoid singing or shouting. If possible, keep music levels down so people don't have to shout or speak loudly to be heard.

Physical Distancing

- Adjust the size of an event based on the ability for attendees from different households to stay 6 feet apart.
- Remind attendees upon arrival to stay physically distanced from people of different households.
- Encourage patrons to stay at least 6 feet apart while in lines or queues by providing physical guidance and visual cues, such as signs, tape or chalk marks.

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Employee Illness and Testing

- Encourage all employees:
 - To stay home, stay away from others and test regardless of vaccination status if they have any COVID-19 like symptoms.
 - To quarantine and test (at appropriate time) if not fully vaccinated and have been exposed to an individual who tested positive for COVID-19.
 - To get vaccinated.
- Visit the CDC's website for guidance on fully vaccinated individuals.

Signage

- Post signage in highly visible locations (e.g., at entrances and in restrooms) that promote social distancing, hand hygiene, use of face coverings and not to enter if they have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Consider developing signs and messages in multiple languages and formats.
- Make regular announcements during the event about keeping masks on, maintaining social distancing, etc.
- Include messages about not attending when sick, mask compliance and social distancing when communicating with staff, vendors and attendees (such as on the invitation, event website, social media, newspaper advertisement, etc.).