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**California Department of Public
Health**



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TO: All Californians

SUBJECT: CDPH Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Gatherings

This guidance provides an updated plan for Californians to gather outside their household and replaces the March 16, 2020 gatherings guidance. It applies to public and private gatherings and other gatherings not covered by existing sector guidance. Gatherings are defined as meetings or other events that bring together people from different households at the same time in a single space, or place. When people from different households mix, this increases the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

To protect public health and slow the rate of transmission of COVID-19, gatherings unless otherwise specified are not permitted across the state of California until further guidance is issued by the California Department of Public Health.

Background

COVID-19 continues to pose a severe risk to communities and requires all people in California to follow necessary precautions and to adapt the way they live and function in light of this ongoing risk.

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