



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Resources for Large Community Events & Mass Gatherings

Before and During an Outbreak

At all times...

- 1 Encourage your staff or community members to [protect their personal health](#).
- 2 Post the signs and [symptoms of COVID-19](#): fever, cough, shortness of breath.
- 3 Clean surfaces that are frequently touched – things such as shared desks, countertops, kitchen areas, electronics, and doorknobs.
- 4 Limit events and meetings that require close contact.
- 5 Stay up to date on developments in your community.
- 6 Create an emergency plan for possible outbreak.
- 7 Assess if community members are at higher risk and plan accordingly.

During an outbreak in your area


- 1 If you identify a case, inform people who might have been exposed.
- 2 Continue to safely clean and disinfect the person's area.
- 3 Connect with your [local health department](#) [↗](#).
- 4 Cancel large meetings or events.
- 5 Put your infectious disease outbreak plan into action.


Guidance Highlights for Events and Mass Gatherings

NEW: Updated [guidance](#) now includes considerations about when to cancel an event

When there is no spread of COVID-19 in the community:

- Encourage staff and attendees to stay home if sick.
- Develop flexible refund policies for attendees.
- Provide supplies that can be used to help prevent the spread of germs.
- Consult local public health officials about your event.
- Review considerations on when to cancel an event.

If there is [minimal or moderate spread](#)  in your community:

- Cancel events for groups of 250 people or more.
 - **3/29/20 UPDATE:** The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America — Slow the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19):
 - [More Information on Mass Gatherings](#)
 - [Read the White House notice](#)  [↗](#)
- For organizations that serve people who are at higher risk of serious COVID-19 illness, cancel events for groups of 10 people or more.

If there is [substantial spread](#)  in your community:

- Cancel events of any size.

If there is a case of COVID-19 at your event:

- Separate anyone who has [COVID-19 symptoms](#) from others until they can go home.
 - Anyone with symptoms should not take public transportation or shared rides
- Contact local public health officials.
- Communicate with staff and attendees about possible exposure.
- [Clean and disinfect](#) the event space.

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