



GATHERINGS

Gatherings are defined as meetings or other events that bring together people from multiple households at the same time for a shared or group experience in a single room, space, or place such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, conference room, meeting hall, or other indoor or outdoor space. Gatherings include religious, wedding, funeral, political, fundraising or other group events that meet the preceding definition.

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**.

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, classrooms for grades pre-K through 12, or graduation ceremonies.
- The gathering limitation does not apply to university classrooms, which are instead subject to limits based on the 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 limits based on the requirement to maintain six feet of physical distancing between different households.
- The gathering limitation does not apply to indoor shopping special events.
- 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 whatever capacity is possible when following the requirement to maintain six feet (6 ft.) of physical distancing between different households.

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- The gathering limitation does not apply to seated organized events such as presentations and business meetings taking place in large ballrooms, large banquet halls, or other large meeting spaces. These events may have up to four times the gathering limits provided at least six feet of physical distancing is able to be maintained between tables.

OPERATIONS

- Facilities and/or event organizers must make available a contact tracing log for individuals who wish to be informed of possible COVID-19 exposure.
 - 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.
- Consumption of food and drink inside should be minimized to avoid multiple participants being unmasked at the same time.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ORGANIZED GATHERINGS

- 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.

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.
 - 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