

Guidance for Private Gatherings

Anyone planning to host or attend a private gathering, such as backyard barbecues, birthday parties, and other celebrations, must follow these precautions:



✓ Keep It Small

Limit gatherings to three households or less.

The smaller the gathering, the lower the risk.



✓ Keep It Short

Gatherings should be two hours or less.

The shorter the duration, the lower the risk



✓ Gather Outdoors



- Guests may go inside to use the restroom. Make sure restrooms are frequently sanitized
- Shade structures may be used as long as at least three sides are open to the outdoors.
- Multiple gatherings cannot be jointly organized to occur at the same time.

✓ Spend Time With The Same Group of People

- Keeping the people you interact with stable over time reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19.
- The host should collect contact information of all attendees in case contact tracing is needed later.



✓ Stay Home If You Feel Sick

If you have symptoms similar to COVID-19*, stay home and avoid contact with anyone outside your household.



✓ Take Steps To Slow The Spread

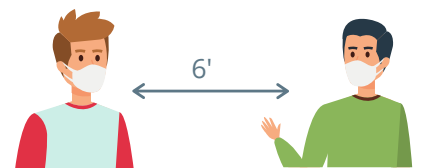
Wear a face covering

Face coverings may be removed briefly to eat or drink. Put your face covering back on as soon as you are done



Stay 6 feet apart

All seating must provide at least 6 feet of distance in all directions (front-to-back and side-to-side).



Shared items should not be used

Food and beverages should be in single-serve disposable containers, or served by a person who wears a face covering and washes their hands often.



Wash or sanitize your hands often

Make sure guests have a place to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer



People in a high-risk group, such as older adults and people with chronic medical conditions, are strongly urged not to attend gatherings.

Anyone who develops COVID-19 within 48 hours after attending a gathering should notify the other attendees as soon as possible about the potential exposure

*Symptoms of COVID-19 include, fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, night sweats, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, tiredness, muscle or body aches, headaches, confusion, or loss of sense of taste/smell.

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