

Guidelines for Get-Togethers

Any time people get together there is an increased risk of COVID-19 transmission. Whether you're hosting or attending an event, here are tips for gathering safely and preventing the spread of the virus.



Should you host or attend? Do not if you're sick, have been diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19, are waiting on COVID-19 test results, or have been told to isolate or quarantine by a health care professional or health department.



Keep it distant. Arrange space so people from different households can stay distant (at least 6 feet apart) and plan activities where social distancing can be maintained.



Consider asking all guests to avoid contact with people outside of their households for 14 days before the event.



Eating and drinking? Make sure you are 6 feet from others when you take off your mask.



Keep it small. No gathering should be larger than 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors. Remember, the virus can be spread in smaller gatherings as well.



Limit physical contact. No handshaking or hugs. Wave or verbally greet each other instead.



High-risk for COVID-19 complications? Consider whether you should attend. Practice the 3Ws (Wear, Wait, Wash) at all times, but especially around people who are at high risk for COVID-19 complications.



Wash your hands regularly or use hand sanitizer.



Stay outdoors if you can. If indoors, open windows to increase ventilation with outside air as much as possible.



Avoid self-serve food. Limit the number of people handling or serving food. If serving food, have one person serve all food so that multiple people are not handling serving utensils. Encourage guests to bring their own food and drinks. Use disposable utensils and dishes.



Wear a mask. Everyone should wear one over their nose and mouth.



Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces, such as door handles, sink handles, and bathroom surfaces.

