

Gatherings, both public and private, should be limited to 50 or fewer people. People participating in gatherings of 50 or fewer people should adhere to the Physical Distancing and Sanitation section below.

The CDC defines a gathering as “a planned or spontaneous event, indoors or outdoors, with a small number of people participating or a large number of people in attendance such as a community event or gathering, concert, festival, conference, parade, wedding, or sporting event.” For the purpose of this protocol, gatherings and events are defined as a gathering for business, social, or recreational activities including, but not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers; and similar activities.

Large venues, such as trade shows, weddings, sporting venues, etc. with 50 or more people may operate if an attestation is submitted to the local public health district in which the event will occur and attests that the event planner will comply with the physical distancing, hygiene and gathering requirements to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

In addition to large venues with attestations, exemptions for gatherings of 50 or fewer people are stated below. Physical Distancing and Sanitations protocols should still be followed.

### **Exemptions**

- Gatherings for political expression, including all election-related activities, and religious activities.
- Educational activities defined as activities involving students taught by an educator in a school or equivalent setting.
- Healthcare related events, including but not limited to, COVID-19 testing and vaccination events.
- Extra-curricular activities, including athletics, practice, matches, performance and games; including attendance of the participants necessary for the competition to occur, including but not limited to players, instructors, coaches and officials
  - o Attendance by non-participants at extra-curricular activities if the activity complies with a plan administered and enforced by the Idaho State Board of Education. Plans can be found at <https://rebound.idaho.gov/>.
- Youth activities that are not within the authority of the Idaho State Board of Education as long as an attestation is submitted to the local public health district in which the event will occur.

### **Physical Distancing and Sanitation**

Individuals should:

- Wear face coverings while in public, especially when six-foot distancing is not always possible (e.g., inside businesses);
- Maintain at least six-foot physical distancing from other individuals not residing within the same household whenever possible;
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or use hand sanitizer;
- Cover coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands);
- Regularly clean high-touch surfaces and not shake hands;
- Stay home if sick; and
- Follow additional protocols established in the Governor’s Guidelines for Opening up Idaho published at <https://rebound.idaho.gov/>.

**Resources**

Event Planning and COVID-19: Questions and Answers. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/event-planners-and-attendees-faq.html>

Get Your Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events Ready. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidance on Mass Gatherings. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplace, Businesses, Schools and Homes: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Guidance on Disinfecting: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

EPA list of COVID-19 effective disinfectants: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

Calculator to estimate the maximum number of people per square footage: <https://www.banquettablespro.com/social-distancing-room-space-calculator>