**Guidance for In-Person Gatherings During Summer 2021**

**Purpose and Scope**
This document provides guidance, effective May 21, for in-person gatherings on any property owned, managed and/or occupied by the University of Utah. To ensure the safety of the University community, off-campus gatherings are expected to follow the same guidance. Virtual gatherings continue to be strongly encouraged. Units (e.g., colleges) and venues may implement additional safety precautions and restrictions, including an internal review process, as appropriate.

This document does not provide guidance for gatherings for routine instructional (Academic Affairs and Health Affairs), research, or clinical purposes. Events organized by Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs) must also conform to Student Group Guidance.

This university guidance is based on evolving CDC, state, and county guidance, which is updated frequently. Current CDC guidance recognizes a wider range of safer activities for individuals who are fully vaccinated (i.e., two weeks after the last required dose), while continuing to recommend precautions such as wearing masks and physically distancing at all public indoor events and for larger outdoor events.

**Exceptions Review Process**
For exceptions, please contact the Incident Management Team: covid19-event-planning@utah.edu.

**General Guidance**
Organizers are responsible for notifying participants of restrictions and expectations and ensuring compliance during the event. Any individual who is symptomatic, in quarantine or isolation, or has tested positive for COVID-19 within the 14 days prior to the event should not attend. Unvaccinated individuals who have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the event should not attend.

Recommended duration is based on CDC guidance that, “Events that last longer pose more risk than shorter events.” If you plan a longer event, please consult the Incident Management Team (covid19-event-planning@utah.edu) for advice on risk mitigation.

**Indoor Events**
- Recommended maximum duration: 90 minutes
- Maximum attendance: based on the adjusted capacity for the venue.

**Outdoor Events**
- Recommended maximum duration: 3 hours
- Maximum attendance: based on the adjusted capacity for the venue.
- Staggered start and end times may be used to accommodate a larger attendance.
Guidance for All Events:
• Face coverings must be worn at all times, except while actively eating or drinking.
• Participants should remain distanced at least 6 feet apart at all times.
• Organizers should provide options for virtual participation when feasible.
• Food should be pre-packaged or individual servings. Buffets are not allowed.

The Incident Management / Operations Team is available to review or advise on events as needed. Please email them at covid19-event-planning@utah.edu.