

Guidance for In-Person Gatherings During Summer 2021

Purpose and Scope

This document provides guidance, effective May 24, 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 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 [clinical](#) or [instructional](#) purposes. Resources and training for events and gatherings of Recognized Student Organizations are available at <https://leadership.utah.edu/studentorgs/>.

This university [guidance](#) is based on evolving [CDC](#), [state](#), and county guidance, which is updated frequently. Current CDC [guidance](#) recognizes that being fully vaccinated (i.e., two weeks after the last required dose) is sufficiently protective that additional protective measures (e.g., masks) are not necessary to protect the individual. Therefore, masks are no longer required at University of Utah facilities, except masks will continue to be required inside University of Utah Health buildings where clinical care is provided, or when they are required as job-related personal protective equipment (PPE). The CDC [recommends](#), however, that those who are not vaccinated or who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system continue to wear a mask at public events to protect themselves.

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.”

Indoor Events

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

Outdoor Events

- Recommended maximum duration: 3 hours
- Maximum attendance: based on the capacity for the venue.
- Staggered start and end times may be used to accommodate a larger attendance.

Last Updated: May 20, 2021



Guidance for All Events:

- Face masks are no longer required at University of Utah facilities, except masks will continue to be required inside University of Utah Health facilities or when they are required as job-related personal protective equipment (PPE). Individuals are encouraged to protect themselves by wearing a mask if they are not vaccinated or have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system.
- It is recommended that participants continue to physically distance when feasible.
- Organizers should provide options for virtual participation when feasible.
- Pre-packaged food or individual servings are recommended.

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