

Best Practices for In-Person Gatherings and Events – Spring 2022

As we enter another pandemic-impacted semester, we ask all members of the campus community to work together to keep our University of Utah community safe. COVID-19 is still a threat on campus. The new Omicron variant, while potentially less deadly, is more highly transmissible. We must remain vigilant to keep our campus safe and continue in-person operations. The vast majority of students, faculty and staff have been vaccinated against COVID-19, and we continue to encourage safe practices including masking, regular testing, and staying home when sick. This document provides some best practices for in-person gatherings and events on any property owned, managed and/or occupied by the University of Utah.

Guidance for All Events:

- Follow current public health advisories.
- During times of high transmission, consider holding a virtual event or delaying until a later time.
- Event organizers cannot require proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test results from those who attend, but may *encourage* their attendees to participate in COVID-19 testing prior to the event.
- Under [state law](#), event organizers also cannot require masks at any event taking place on campus, but may *encourage* it.
- Participants still are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines regarding face coverings, which call for wearing face masks indoors (regardless of vaccination status). Event organizers should have disposable face coverings available onsite for guests. Practice physical distancing when feasible. Any person who is symptomatic, in quarantine or isolation, or has tested positive for COVID-19 within 5 days prior to the event should not attend.
- Encourage attendees to utilize asymptomatic testing before attending events. Consider hosting the event outside if feasible, limiting the number of attendees, or gathering virtually. Have hand sanitizer available and encourage its use.
- Post clear signage at all events encouraging face coverings, social distancing and self-monitoring of COVID-19 symptoms. Signage is available through [University Print and Mail Services](#).

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

The CDC has updated its guidance for winter gatherings and [recommends](#) taking increased precautions around those who are unvaccinated or who have weakened immune systems.