



HOST SAFE OUTDOOR COMMUNITY MEETINGS

in Our Parks & Public Spaces

Consider hosting your community meeting outdoors as a safer alternative to an indoor space. Outdoor meetings benefit from open spaces, fresh air, and the effects of sunshine on the virus. In fact, recent research suggests that the odds of catching coronavirus inside are 20 times higher than outside. Even still, these are some safety precautions you can take when hosting outdoor meetings:

- Follow and share guidance from the CDC on practices such as hand washing, physical distancing, and limiting contact with staff, volunteers, and attendees. Organizers also should review and follow [CDC's guidelines](#) for Visiting Parks and Recreational Facilities.
- Keep the attendee list small (less than 250 is mandated by the State, but outdoor shelter limits are currently set at half of normal capacity).
- It can be harder to gauge 6 feet of physical distance outside, so masks are required, especially in close conversation — which should be limited.
 - Take care to set seating up to enable 6 feet of physical distance.
- Monitor the noise level to reduce shouting. (Loud speaking puts more droplets into the air than a quiet voice.)
- Avoid or limit shared food, serving utensils, pens, clipboards, etc.
- Cancel meeting(s) and notify attendees if either the staff or organizers develop symptoms or become ill.
- Remind attendees that if they have symptoms, or have been around someone who has symptoms, they should not attend the meeting. Encourage people with underlying health conditions, to please stay home. Here is how we are sharing community health information at parks and public spaces.

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE
SIMPLE ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

- WASH HANDS OR SANITIZE OFTEN
- AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE & COVER COUGHS
- CONSIDER OTHERS IN PUBLIC SPACES
- STAY WITHIN YOUR HOUSEHOLD BUBBLE
- WEAR A MASK IN PUBLIC
- PHYSICAL DISTANCE 6 FEET APART



