

# Public and Private Gatherings



**MESA COUNTY  
PUBLIC HEALTH**

## GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Demographics

Older adults and vulnerable populations are at greater risk for COVID-19.

### Number in Attendance

The risk for COVID-19 increases proportionately with the number of attendees.

### Length of Time

Longer events create a greater risk.

### Non-Residents

People from outside of the community pose a greater risk to Mesa County residents, especially those living in areas where there is high incidence of COVID-19.

## CAPACITY LIMITS AND VENUE

### Capacity

Limit the number of participants to 50% capacity of the facility or 50 people with social distancing whichever is less.

Organize the space by arranging equipment and furniture to allow for at least six feet between individuals.

### Venue Location

Outdoor events are considered to have less risk for disease transmission.

### Venue Size

Large venues make social distancing easier.

## FOOD

### Avoid Sharing

Avoid potlucks and sharing of food and/or tools and utensils.

### Clean after Use

All tools, utensils, or other shared equipment used before, during, or after the gathering should be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.

## CLEANING

### Wash Your Hands

Encourage frequent handwashing.

Make handwashing stations available at all facilities.

Make hand sanitizer widely available.

### Sanitize

High-touch areas should be sanitized frequently.

## ILLNESS

### Stay Home if Sick

Communicate with guests, that they may not attend if they aren't feeling well.

### Encourage COVID-19 testing

Promote COVID-19 testing among employees, volunteers and participants.

Contact a healthcare provider or call **970-683-2300** to schedule an appointment for COVID-19 testing in Mesa County.