

# Hosting Outdoor Events Safely

Currently, Sauk County Public Health is issuing guidelines for outdoor events. The Health Officer cannot approve or deny any events and only offers guidance. Currently the safest gatherings are those held outside. Below are guidelines on how to safely have outside events.



## **Check the [Sauk County COVID-19 Data Hub 14 Day Trends](#) webpage at least two weeks before your event:**

- If COVID Case Activity or Community Spread is red, reconsider having your event (i.e. cancel your event.)
- If more than three items are yellow, increase your safety measures (i.e., reduce the amount of people, implement staggered times, etc.)

## **All gatherings/events should have these safety measures in place:**

- Educate staff and attendees to stay home if they are sick, have tested positive for COVID-19, are awaiting COVID-19 test results, and/or if they have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Ensure 6 feet of distance can be maintained between people at all times:
  - Have staggered times or entrances to reduce lines.
  - Reminder signs, markers, and physical barriers are encouraged.
- Encourage Mask Wearing:
  - Require that staff and attendees who are able to do so safely wear masks.
  - Ask attendees ahead of time to bring their own masks.
  - Consider having masks on hand to provide to people who do not bring their own.
- If serving food:
  - Have designated eating areas that are sanitized after a person/group leaves the table/area.
  - Ensure tables are spaced at least 6 feet from each other.
  - Use single serve utensils.
  - Avoid buffets.
- Strategically space hand washing and/or sanitizer stations with 60% alcohol throughout the event location.
- Gatherings of 50 or more should have protocols in place to aid in contact tracing.

For more information visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>