

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EVENTS

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER MEETING 4/16/21



WE ARE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET

- Vaccinations are the ticket out of the pandemic, and yet...
- Breakthrough cases
- Variants
- Increase in incidence (1 in 196 Coloradans) and hospitalizations among all age groups under 65
- And...lifting of restrictions, despite living amidst a pandemic.



COORDINATED AND COLLABORATIVE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

- While local public health agencies have the authority to issue public health orders, CCPH has involved a wide array of subject-matter experts, leaders, sector representatives, medical community, and BOH in the process.
- Local public health agencies can be stricter than the state orders but cannot be less restrictive.
- Devolution of Dial 3.0
- Assessment of other Colorado counties- Dial 4.0 to no restrictions whatsoever

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Statewide Public Health Order:

INDOOR EVENTS

When more than 100 people are gathered in a room in a Public Indoor Space, the setting may operate at 100% capacity not to exceed 500 people, with 6 feet distancing required between parties of unvaccinated people or when vaccination status is unknown. Venues may apply to their local public health agency or a variance to exceed 500 people, to be finally approved by CDPHE. These requirements do not apply to licensed retail food establishments. Outdoor ticketed, seated event venues in excess of 30,000 square feet require consultation between the local public health agency and CDPHE concerning capacity and disease mitigation practices.

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STRIKING A BALANCE

Local Public Health Order:

OUTDOOR EVENTS

- Outdoor events held at venues with determinable boundaries shall be capped based on a three-foot (3') social distancing requirement for the most-densely-populated portion of the venue in question.
- Outdoor events held at venues without fully-determinable boundaries shall be in accordance with the maximum capacities as set forth by the local government or municipality in which the event is held. Threshold to be determined by Board of Health.

MASK MANDATE THROUGH MAY 3RD (STATE) AND THROUGH MAY* (LOCAL)

- All public indoor spaces
- Exceptions to the face covering requirements include: individuals 10 years of age or younger, individuals who cannot medically tolerate a face covering, and individuals participating in one of these activities:
 - ❖ Individuals who are hearing impaired or otherwise disabled or who are communicating with someone who is hearing impaired or otherwise disabled and where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication;
 - ❖ Individuals who are seated at a food service establishment;
 - ❖ Individuals who are exercising alone or with others from the individual's household and a face covering would interfere with the activity;
 - ❖ Individuals who are receiving a personal service where the temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service;
 - ❖ Individuals who enter a business or receive services and are asked to temporarily remove a face covering for identification purposes;
 - ❖ Individuals who are actively engaged in a public safety role such as law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel;
 - ❖ Individuals who are officiating at a religious service; or
 - ❖ Individuals who are giving a speech for broadcast or an audience.

*Yet to be determined based on metrics.

EVENT PLAN REVIEW

While not required, CCPH welcomes COVID-19 event plans for review.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EVENTS

- Collect contact information of guests or attendees through tactics like taking reservations, requiring RSVPs, or having sign-in sheets, and times of arrival and departure to help with potential exposure notification whenever possible.
- Provide generous and flexible cancellation policies so that if guests start experiencing symptoms, they can cancel.
- Ensure 6 feet/3 feet or more distancing between all employees, customers/parties, contractors and visitors.
- Create a queue at entrances that ensure a minimum of 6 feet of physical distancing between individuals and pace entry to prevent congestion.
- Operate on a one-in-one-out basis when at capacity.
- Post signage with easy to interpret graphics in commonly used languages reminding everyone to maintain distance, wear masks, wash hands, etc.
- Establish single-direction traffic flow in and out of venue and seating areas. Consider separate entrances and exits.
- If the event is catered, do not allow for self-service stations or buffets.
- Ensure ventilation at the venue is in line with or exceeds OSHA guidance.

CCPH EVENT TOOLKIT

- We want to help you!
- Toolkit to include best practice checklist, guidance documents, resources
- Feedback is welcome!

PRIORITIZATION OF EVENTS

- Chaffee County loves its events! However, this year's events...
- Local?
- Vital?
- Healing?
- Unifying?
- Controllable and Manageable?
- CCPH is not determining the above but rather provides support and guidance.

DEFINITIONS

- Mass Indoor Gathering is any indoor space where more than 50 unvaccinated individuals or individuals with unknown vaccination status are gathered in a room (restrictions are not if everyone is vaccinated). ***Clarity on the state order is forthcoming.
- Public Indoor Space means any enclosed indoor area that is publicly or privately owned, managed, or operated to which individuals have access by right or by invitation, expressed or implied, and that is accessible to the public, serves as a place of employment, or is an entity providing services. Public Indoor Space does not mean a person's residence.

QUESTIONS?

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