

GUIDANCE FOR GATHERINGS/EVENTS

IN FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES DURING COVID-19



ASK YOURSELF:

- 1) Is the event absolutely necessary?
- 2) Can the event be recorded or live-streamed to reduce in-person numbers?
- 3) Should the event be postponed until it is safe enough to hold the event?

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE:

- feeling unwell
- have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- asymptomatic



IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A GATHERING/EVENT:

- Practice social distancing to minimize close contact (e.g., no hand shaking or hugging)
- Maintain at least 2 meters (6 feet) distance from others.
- Wear a mask.
- Practice good cough etiquette and hand hygiene.
- Leave if there are too many people to socially distance or if people aren't using masks.



If you are the organizer:

- Stay informed about the local COVID-19 situation
- Maintain a registration list of those attending
- Consider using a digital thermometer to check temperatures.
- Ensure that multi touch surfaces are sanitized frequently
- Display signage at event entry, bathrooms, and food preparation areas to support good cough etiquette and hand hygiene
- Ensure there is adequate equipment and/or facilities to support good hygiene practices such as soap and water and/or hand sanitizer, paper towels and tissues
- Ensure there are supplies to enable regular sanitizing of surfaces
- Increase the frequency of sanitizing common areas

Risk Assessment and ongoing response

- The latest local, national and international advice on COVID-19
- Whether people attending your event may have been exposed to, or infected with, COVID-19 and what risk this might pose to others
- The characteristics of your event (for example, the number of people expected; accommodation arrangements; indoor or outdoor, and duration (try to keep gatherings under 1 hour)
- What measures you could put in place (see above) to help reduce the spread of any disease

Effective **November 19, 2020**, in home private gatherings over **5** people and outdoor private and public gatherings over **30** people are prohibited.

The goals of this guidance are:

- to protect people attending gatherings from COVID-19 infection; and
- to reduce community transmission and introductions of COVID-19 into new communities.