

COVID-19: Guidance for Large Indoor Events from the Wyoming Department of Health

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Background

Effective March 16, 2021, gathering restrictions were lifted and event capacity limits were removed. The Department of Health maintains the following provisions for large indoor events of more than 500 people.

General Provisions

The Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) recommends the following guidelines for large indoor events as outlined in the current public health order. Indoor events of more than 500 people can be held at no more than 50% venue capacity subject to the following conditions and provisions. For clarity, the person limit in Public Health Order 2, paragraph 5 of the current orders is not calculated by adding participants and spectators/attendees together.

Events include, for example, rodeos, concerts, organized sporting events, fairs, track and field races, farmer's markets, weddings, and other events of a similar nature.

Event Operations Provisions

1. Social distancing should be maintained between individual groups to the greatest extent possible.
2. Face coverings must be worn by event staff, hosts, organizers, participants, and attendees/spectators at all times.
 - a. Participants are not required to wear a face covering when engaged in athletic activities and performances.
 - b. Other exceptions to the face covering requirement include:
 - i. Children under 12 (however, children ages 3-11 are encouraged to wear face coverings)
 - ii. When a person is eating/drinking while at the event, but should wear it at all other times
 - iii. If a person has a medical condition, mental health condition, or a disability that prevents the use of a face covering
 - iv. Individuals who are hearing impaired, or communicating with an individual who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication
 - v. Individuals purchasing a product or service at the event that requires identification may briefly remove their face covering to verify identity
 - vi. When law enforcement asks an individual to remove a face covering for identification purposes
 - vii. Individuals for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the individual related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal workplace safety guidelines
3. Staff, hosts, organizers, or event participants with symptoms of illness, or known exposure to a person with COVID-19 infection within the previous fourteen (14) days shall not participate in the event.
4. The event facility must be cleaned thoroughly, including all high touch areas before and after each event, according to [CDC guidelines for cleaning](#).
5. The event must not take place without appropriate protective equipment for staff (face coverings, gloves, etc.), EPA-approved disinfectants and sanitizers, soap, and other necessary cleaning supplies.
6. All events should follow the public health recommendations of the CDC and the Wyoming Department of Health, including:
 - a. Washing hands often with soap and water (using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when soap and water is not immediately available).
 - b. Practicing social distancing by avoiding close contact with others.

- c. Avoiding touching face, eyes, nose, and mouth.
- d. Covering coughs and sneezes with an elbow or a tissue.
- e. Wearing a face covering when in public.

More resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for events can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/index.html> as well as <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>.

For more information about the COVID-19 outbreak please visit: health.wyo.gov or cdc.gov.