

Holding A Gathering Guidelines COVID-19

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These guidelines are part of Phase 3 of [Yukon's plan for lifting COVID-19 restrictions](#). The guidelines on this page outline steps for your gathering to ensure:

- physical distancing;
- good hygiene practice;
- enhanced environmental cleaning; and
- disinfection.

What is an organized gathering?

Organized gatherings are defined as seated events in a rented venue, such as:

- cultural centres;
- community centres;
- convention centres;
- the Old Fire Hall; and
- Yukon Arts Centre.

These types of events can include:

- weddings;
- celebrations of life; or
- cultural events.

What else do you need to know?

- Guests must be seated and not mingling.
- Organized gatherings are limited to 50 people indoors.
- 100 people can gather outdoors, with physical distancing.
- Applications for events involving more than 100 people will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Find out how to submit a request for a larger event.
- Rental venues should develop an operational plan. Find out how to submit an operation plan.
- All event guests and organizers have to follow the venue's operational plan.

Who should stay at home?

Remind guests to stay home if they:

- Are sick;
- Have been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19; or
- Travelled to an area which requires self-isolation on return.



What can you do to protect your guests

- Post signs at entrances advising guests who arrive with symptoms to return home.
- Keep the names and contact information of event attendees for contact tracing. Keep the records for a minimum of 21 days.
- Make sure the room is well-ventilated.
- Arrange tables and chairs to allow room for physical distancing. How to promote physical distancing during an organized event You can promote physical distancing by:
 - assigning seating to ensure members of the same social bubble sit together;
 - limiting movement between tables (guests should not be mixing and mingling);
 - placing signs near entrances that inform guests of the physical distancing measures in place;
 - maintaining a single point of entry into the rental venue;
 - regulating entry, including lines and waiting areas, to prevent congestion;
 - considering use of a 1-way traffic flow;
 - making sure washrooms are available for use at all times.
- In the venue Washrooms
 - Make sure washrooms have liquid soap, paper towels and toilet paper.
 - Make sure warm running water is available.
 - Use single-use hand towels or paper towels for drying hands so guests do not share a towel.
 - Increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting washrooms.

Hand sanitizer

- Make sure hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol is available.
- Have it at entrances and exits of the rental venue for guests.

Cleaning and disinfecting

- General cleaning and disinfecting should occur after every event.
- Organized events can refer to the workplace cleaning and disinfecting guidelines.
- Hosts of gatherings at home can refer to home cleaning and disinfecting guidelines.
- Clean and disinfect high traffic areas, surfaces and objects such as door handles, light switches, counters and faucets.
- If you choose to use items such as tablecloths and linen napkins, wash, clean and sanitize them after the event if they're reusable.
- Empty garbage bins frequently.
- Use gloves when removing garbage bags or handling and disposing of trash and wash your hands after taking off your gloves.
- Food and drink
 - Limit the number of people handling or serving food.
 - Serve drinks and food directly to guests.
 - Do not provide open self-serve food (including refill stations, condiment stations, salt and pepper shakers, water pitchers, snacks, etc.).
 - If a bar or food preparation area is open to seating or public areas:
 - Utensils, garnishes and glassware must be 2 metres (6 feet) away from members of the public. If these cannot be away from the public, a physical barrier will protect the area from contamination.