
Safer at Home Order Impacts County Events

CTSI recently received a question from one of our counties about whether outdoor activities such as county fairs or parades could be held given Colorado's pandemic response orders. *Executive Order D 2020 091 Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors* issued by Governor Polis on June 18, 2020 permits such activities provided they follow social distancing measures, adhere to the provisions of their state variance, and do not conflict with orders from local health departments. Section I.H.4 of the CDPHE (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BdMbwLeI0sY5xmvWk555jCewPvgTJb9e/view>) order implementing the Governor's directive states:

Effective June 18, 2020, indoor and outdoor events such as receptions, events, non-critical auctions, theaters, trade shows, markets, indoor malls, rodeos, fairs, festivals and parades or other indoor or outdoor events not otherwise covered by this Order may operate in accordance with the following requirements:

- a. Outdoor venues may allow up to 175 people within their usable space calculated using the Social Distancing Space Calculator (<https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home/social-distancing-calculator-for-indoor-and-outdoor-events>), excluding staff, per designated activity with a minimum of 6 feet of distance between individuals or non-household contacts.
- b. Indoor venues may allow up to 100 people within their usable space calculated using the Social Distancing Space Calculator, excluding staff, per room with a minimum of 6 feet of distance between individuals or non-household contacts.
- c. Venue size is determined based on usable space per room or designated activity. An indoor event or outdoor designated activity that includes spectators may include both the activity space and the spectator space, or these spaces may be separated and the venue must apply the appropriate capacity limits to the size of each designated space. If participants in the designated activity may also at times move into the spectator space, those participants will count for purposes of the capacity limit for the spectator space if that space is separately defined from the designated activity space.
- d. Designated activities must occur a minimum of 50 feet from each other, maintain separate entrances and exits, and must minimize the use of shared facilities like restrooms.
- e. Performers are not included in capacity limits as long as they do not join the spectator or patron areas at any time and remain at least 25 feet from attendees. If performers join the

patron spaces, they must be included in the capacity limit numbers. Performers should also use a separate entrance and exit from spectators or patrons.

- f. Operators, employees and attendees must wear face coverings unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health, (<https://www.colorado.gov/governor/sites/default/files/inline-files/D%202020%20138%20Mask%20Order.pdf>) in which case reasonable accommodations should be pursued to maintain the safety and health of all parties.
- g. Operators, organizers or employers must implement employee screening protocols for all employees as described in Section II.I.1.g of this Order, and exclude ill or symptomatic individuals.
- h. Operators and organizers must manage the event or activity to comply with the capacity limits per activity at all times, and further manage traffic flow between designated activities to minimize or eliminate mixing of groups including the use of single direction traffic flow in and out of the venue and seating area.
- i. Food sold in these settings must follow the Restaurant requirements.
- j. Ventilation in an indoor venue must meet OSHA guidance (<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/ventilation>).
- k. Indoor market and mall operators must follow the indoor event requirements and guidance, outdoor market operators must follow the outdoor event requirements and guidance. Individual vendors in these settings must follow the Retail requirements and guidelines.
- l. Drive-in events such as theaters or fireworks displays are authorized to operate above the 10-person gathering limit so long as participants remain in their vehicles unless seeking minimal services, the vehicles remain a minimum of 6 feet apart, and only minimal common services are available such as concessions and restrooms.

What This Means for Counties

Counties should consult with their local health departments before holding an indoor or outdoor event. They should also take all necessary steps to comply with Executive Order D 2020 091. For more information, consult the full text of the order. To contact CTSI, call at (303) 861 0507. [ctsi](https://www.ctsi.org)