



Even though COVID-19 case rates have come down significantly from their peak in the third surge and more people are vaccinated, there remains a risk that people who you may come into contact with when you are outside your residence may have COVID-19. Most COVID-19 infections are caused by people who have no symptoms of illness. There are many people you may come into contact with in San Francisco who are not yet fully vaccinated. We have also seen surges in other parts of the country and the world, increasingly impacting younger adults.

The opening or expansion of sectors does not necessarily signify that these activities are “safe.” The purpose of the required safety protocols contained in San Francisco’s Stay-Safer-At-Home Order and companion health directives is to make these activities and sectors safer for workers and the public. But reopening and expansion requires that all individuals and businesses use particular care and do their part to make these activities as safe as possible by strictly and consistently wearing face coverings indoors and outdoors in large crowds and following social distancing requirements and all other safety protocols.

Everyone who is eligible, including people at risk for severe illness with COVID-19 – such as unvaccinated older adults and unvaccinated individuals with health risks – and members of their households are urged to get vaccinated as soon as they can if they have not already done so.

DIRECTIVE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. 2020-28g

**DIRECTIVE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF
THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO REGARDING REQUIRED BEST
PRACTICES FOR DRIVE-IN GATHERINGS**

(PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVE)
DATE OF DIRECTIVE: May 6, 2021

By this Directive, the Health Officer of the City and County of San Francisco (the “Health Officer”) issues industry-specific direction that businesses offering drive-in gatherings as described below, must follow as part of the local response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic. This Directive constitutes industry-specific guidance as provided under Sections 4 and 11 and Appendix C-2 of Health Officer Order No. C19-07w issued on May 6, 2021 (the “Stay-Safer-At-Home Order”) and, unless otherwise defined below, initially capitalized terms used in this Directive have the same meaning given them in that order. This Directive goes into effect immediately and remains in effect until suspended, superseded, or amended by the Health Officer. This Directive has support in the bases and justifications set forth in the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order. As further provided below, this Directive automatically incorporates any revisions to the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order or other future orders issued by the Health Officer that supersede that order or reference this Directive. This Directive is intended to promote best practices as to Social Distancing Requirements and sanitation measures, helping prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and safeguard the health of workers, customers, and the community.

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER DIRECTS AS
FOLLOWS:**

- 1. This Directive applies to all owners, operators, managers, and supervisors (“Drive-In Gathering Hosts”) of any business hosting Drive-In Gatherings, as set forth in Section 8 of Appendix C-2 of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order.**



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- 2. Attached as Exhibit A to this Directive is a list of best practices that apply to Drive-In-Gatherings and Drive-In Gatherings Hosts (the “Best Practices”). Each Drive-In Gathering Host must comply with all of the relevant requirements listed in the Best Practices.**
- 3. Attached as Exhibit B to this Directive is a list of other best practices regarding gatherings titled “Tips and Frequently Asked Questions for Gatherings” (the “Tip Sheet”) issued by the Department of Public Health. Each Drive-In Gathering Host must comply with all of the relevant requirements listed in the Tip Sheet, including as that document is updated or revised. Each Drive-In Gathering Host should regularly check online for an update to the Tip Sheet by going to www.sfdcp.org/gatheringtips.**
- 4. Each Drive-In Gathering Host, before it begins to host or operate a Drive in Gathering, or allow Personnel onsite, must create, adopt, and implement a written health and safety plan (a “Health and Safety Plan”). The Health and Safety Plan must be substantially in the form attached to this Directive as Exhibit C.**
- 5. If an aspect, service, or operation of the Drive-In Gathering is also covered by another Health Officer directive (all of which are available at www.sfdph.org/directives), then the Drive-In Gathering Host must comply with all applicable directives, and it must complete all relevant Health and Safety Plan forms.**
- 6. Each Drive-In Gathering Host must (a) make the Health and Safety Plan available to a customer and Personnel on request, (b) provide a summary of the Health and Safety Plan to all Personnel working on site or otherwise in the City in relation to its operations, and (c) post the Health and Safety Plan at each entrance to any physical business site within the City. Also, each Drive-In Gathering Host must provide a copy of the Health and Safety Plan and evidence of its implementation to any authority enforcing this Directive upon demand.**
- 7. Each Drive-In Gathering Host subject to this Directive must provide items such as Face Coverings (as provided in Health Order No. C19-12 issued on, and any future amendment to that order), hand sanitizer or handwashing stations, or both, and disinfectant and related cleaning supplies to Personnel, all as required by the Best Practices. If any such Drive-In Gathering Host is unable to provide these required items or otherwise fails to comply with required Best Practices or fails to abide by its Health and Safety Plan, then it must cease operating until it can fully comply and demonstrate its strict compliance. Further, as to any non-compliant Drive-In Gathering Host, any such Drive-In Gathering is subject to immediate closure and the fines and other legal remedies described below, as a violation of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order.**
- 8. For purposes of this Directive, “Personnel” includes all of the following people who provide goods or services associated with a Drive-In Gathering: employees; contractors and sub-contractors (such as those who sell goods or perform services onsite or who deliver goods for the business); independent contractors; vendors who are permitted to sell goods onsite; volunteers; and other individuals who regularly provide services onsite at the request of the Drive-In Gathering Host. “Personnel”**



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includes “gig workers” who perform work via the business’s app or other online interface, if any.

9. This Directive and the attached Best Practices may be revised by the Health Officer, through revision of this Directive or another future directive or order, as conditions relating to COVID-19 require, in the discretion of the Health Officer. Each Drive-In Gathering Host must stay updated regarding any changes to the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order and this Directive by checking the Department of Public Health website (www.sfdph.org/directives) regularly.
10. Implementation of this Directive augments—but does not limit—the obligations of each Drive-In Gathering Host under the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order including, but not limited to, the obligation to prepare, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol under Section 4.d and Appendix A of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order. The Drive-In Gathering Host must follow these industry-specific Best Practices and update them as necessary for the duration of this Directive, including, without limitation, as this Directive is amended or extended in writing by the Health Officer and consistent with any extension of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order, any other order that supersedes that order, and any Health Officer order that references this Directive.

This Directive is issued in furtherance of the purposes of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order. Where a conflict exists between this Directive and any state, local, or federal public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including, without limitation, the Social Distancing Protocol, the most restrictive provision controls. Failure to carry out this Directive is a violation of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order, constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

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Date: May 6, 2021



Exhibit A to Health Officer Directive No. 2020-28g (issued 5/6/21)

Best Practices for Drive-In Gathering Hosts

In addition to preparing, posting, and implementing the Social Distancing Protocol (Appendix A of Health Officer Order No. C19-07, including as that Order is updated in the future), each Drive-in Gathering Host that operates in the City must comply with each requirement listed below and prepare a Health and Safety Plan substantially in the format of Exhibit C, below.

1. Section 1 – General Requirements for Drive-In Gatherings:

- 1.1.*** All Drive-In Gatherings must be provided entirely outdoors in an area large enough to accommodate all distancing requirements of this Directive. Drive-In Gatherings may not be provided in closed or semi-closed parking structures unless, for example, the Drive-In Gathering occurs entirely on the top floor of a parking structure that has no roof or ceiling above it.
- 1.2.*** Each Drive-In Gathering is limited to a maximum of 100 vehicles. But if the space used for a gathering cannot accommodate 100 vehicles while meeting all distancing requirements of this Directive, then fewer vehicles are allowed.
 - 1.2.1.*** Tickets or invitations to a Drive-In Gathering must be sold or issued before a gathering begins, onsite box-office sales are prohibited. Hosts are strongly encouraged to use online or touchless reservation, payment, and ticketing systems. Participants must be informed during the ticketing or reservation process of their obligation to stay home if they are experiencing or have experienced any COVID-19 symptoms during the preceding 24 hours. For the current list of symptoms, please go to <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/ig/Guidance-Symptoms.pdf>.
- 1.3.*** It is strongly recommended that food and beverage concessions be sold through an online or remote ordering system with concessions delivered directly to ordering vehicles. Alcohol may not be sold at a Drive-In Gathering event. Participants should use touchless payment options when feasible. No equipment or other items may be shared among persons from different Households. Drive-in Gatherings may offer in-person purchase and pickup of concessions only if the Drive-in Gathering operator:
 - 1.3.1.*** Creates a clearly designated area for purchase of concessions with separate entrances and exits that facilitate physically distanced ingress and egress,
 - 1.3.2.*** Ensures that enough space is available in the concessions area so that people from different Households can maintain six feet of physical distance at all times,
 - 1.3.3.*** Uses signage, tape, physical barriers such as rope stanchions, or other indicators to clearly mark areas where Patrons may queue so that physical distancing requirements are met at all times,
 - 1.3.4.*** Employs a strict metering system (such as by designating times during which Patrons from small groups of vehicles may obtain concessions) to ensure that all Personnel and Patrons in the designated concessions area maintain physical distance and wear Face Coverings at all times,



- 1.3.5.** Ensures that Patrons do not eat or drink in the concessions area, do not gather or queue outside the concessions area, and immediately return to their vehicles after picking up their items (no chairs, benches, tables or other furniture used for sitting or eating and drinking are permitted in or near the concessions area), and
- 1.3.6.** Otherwise follows all applicable requirements of Health Officer Directive 2020-17 (Retail).
- 1.4.** Live speakers, performers, or other presenters (each a “Performer”) may perform during a Drive-In Gathering. Each live Performer must maintain physical distance (six feet recommended) from others while performing. Any Performer who engages in singing, chanting, yelling, or raising their voice or playing a wind instrument must maintain a minimum of six feet of physical distance from others and otherwise perform in strict accordance with section 3.i of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order. For more details regarding restrictions on Performers, see the Tip Sheet available online at www.sfdcp.org/gatheringtips. Performances may be live-streamed in accordance with the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order.
- 1.5.** Four wheeled vehicles are permitted, including convertible cars and pickup trucks. Bicycles and motorcycles are not permitted at this time.
- 1.6.** If occupants of a vehicle are from different Households, they must adhere to all applicable requirements and recommendations for Indoor Gatherings found in Section 13 of Appendix C-2 of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order, including wearing Face Coverings at all times and maximizing ventilation by keeping windows open whenever possible. Patrons may not change vehicles during the event.
- 1.7.** Face Coverings are generally not required when a participant is maintaining physical distancing from members of other Households in accordance with Health Officer Order C19-12 and as it may be amended (the “Face Covering Order”). In accordance with the Face Covering Order, Personnel are required to wear a Face Covering whenever interacting with participants or other members of the public.
- 1.8.** Participants must remain within the bounds of the four wheels of their vehicle at all times except to access concessions, use the restroom, or during an emergency. For clarity, participants may sit in the bed of a pickup truck or on some portion of the vehicle, but their entire bodies and all personal property must remain within the bounds of the four wheels of the vehicle. For further clarity, participants may not use awnings, trailers, or other objects to expand the bounds of their vehicle. Vehicle windows may be left open during the Drive-In Gathering if all occupants of the vehicle are wearing Face Coverings.
- 1.9.** Participants may sing, yell, shout or play wind instruments in strict accordance with Section 3.i of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order.
- 1.10.** Vehicles must remain stationary for the duration of the Drive-In Gathering and must be parked with enough space so that participants and Personnel can maintain physical distance (six feet recommended) from others at all times including, for example, when participants are exiting their vehicle to use the restroom or access concessions. Drive-In Gathering Hosts must reserve adequate space for emergencies, including space for emergency vehicles to safely enter, access, and exit the venue.



- 1.10.1.** Drive-In Gathering Hosts must develop a written social distancing, capacity and spacing plan prior to any Drive-In Gathering to ensure adequate space exists for safe movement during an emergency and that Personnel and participants can maintain appropriate physical distance at all feasible times including when participants exit their vehicles to use a restroom and when Personnel are walking among vehicles to serve concessions. Drive-In Gathering Hosts must maintain a physical copy of the social distancing, capacity and spacing plan and must provide the plan to any public official carrying out inspection or enforcement duties upon request.
- 1.10.2.** Educate Personnel about spacing requirements and capacity limits. Require Personnel to enforce restrictions by, for example, ensuring vehicles park in accordance with the social distancing, capacity, and spacing plan.
- 1.10.3.** Ensure that the plan addresses, and Personnel are taught, about how traffic flow into and out of the performance or event can be managed so as to maintain order, safely check tickets, avoid confusion, minimize chaotic traffic after the event, etc.
- 1.11.** Any restrooms or other high touch objects or surfaces must be cleaned at least once daily, or more frequently if required by industry standards and otherwise in accordance with current CDC guidelines. Cleaning does not have to occur after each individual person touches a surface unless a person appears symptomatic or there is visible contamination from nasal or oral secretions. People should avoid contact with high-touch surfaces when feasible and should practice good hand hygiene. If restrooms are not equipped with sinks, washing stations must be available. All sinks or washing stations must be equipped with adequate soap, water, and paper towels. Hand sanitizer dispensers should be placed conveniently around the venue for use by Personnel or participants.
- 1.11.1.** Require Personnel to clean high touch areas and surfaces following CDC guidelines found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>. Provide Personnel adequate time and space to complete all sanitation duties. Cleaning products must be approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – approved list found at: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19>.
- 1.12.** Drive-In Gatherings must operate in compliance with all laws, regulations, and applicable permitting requirements. For gatherings of more than 10 vehicles, the Host must provide security to maintain safety and ensure compliance with this Directive. The amount of security necessary shall be determined by the entity providing security and must be at least the amount deemed necessary to maintain safety and ensure compliance with this Directive and any other applicable orders or directives of the Health Officer.
- 1.13.** Drive-In Gatherings must address the potential hazards that result from operating outside, including: (1) ensuring participants' safe ingress and egress into the space taking into account pedestrians and traffic moving adjacent to the venue, (2) ensuring use of electrical devices and extension cords in compliance with Cal/OSHA's Guide to Electrical Safety; (3) ensuring there are no tripping hazards from cords or other equipment; and (4) the issues listed in Section 1.10.3 above.
- 1.13.1.** Drive-In Gatherings must comply with the Cal/OSHA standards for heat and air quality illness prevention for outdoor workers, including an effective heat illness



prevention plan with written procedures.

- 1.14.*** Place signage around the Drive-In Gathering emphasizing basic infection prevention measures, including the requirements to wear a Face Covering and maintain proper social distance at all times, stay home when feeling sick, and wash or sanitize hands frequently. Conspicuously post a copy of this Directive and all attachments, the Health and Safety Plan, and the Social Distancing Protocol (1) on any public facing website and (2) at the physical Drive-In Gathering site.



ALERT: Stay Informed

In alignment with the State’s recommendations, San Francisco began reopening at the State’s Yellow Tier starting May 7, 2021, to allow some additional activities and increased capacity for others. The decision to reopen balances the public health risks of COVID-19 transmission with the public health risks of economic and mental health stress.

Even though COVID-19 case rates have come down, and more people are vaccinated, **there remains a risk that people who you come into contact with may have COVID-19.** Most COVID-19 infections are caused by people who have no symptoms of illness and to date, only about 50% of people you may come into contact within San Francisco are fully vaccinated. We have also seen surges in other parts of the country and the world, increasingly impacting younger adults. Therefore, **the opening of sectors does not necessarily signify that these activities are “safe” but getting fully vaccinated can help us get there.**

We have made our best efforts to create guidance to help these activities and sectors provide safer environments for workers and the public. However, this requires that everyone do their part to make these activities as safe as possible, including wearing a well-fitted mask that covers your mouth and nose in all recommended settings (refer to [Face Covering Health Order](#) and [Gatherings Directives](#) for more information), avoiding indoor settings to the extent possible, maintaining at least 6 feet distance from those you don’t live with, getting tested and isolating if you are ill, and complying with additional health protocols required of open businesses. People at risk for severe illness from COVID-19 — such as older adults, people with health risks, and those who live with or care for them are urged to get fully vaccinated. If you are fully vaccinated (i.e., 14 days have passed since your final dose), you can feel safer about your own health risks when participating in activities permitted by our state and local health departments. However, please consider the possible risk your exposure may have on those around you, especially those you live with and those who are unvaccinated, when you take part in activities that involve people outside your household.

San Francisco Department of Public Health Guidance

Notice of Suspension or Restrictions of Indoor and Outdoor Activity
Issued: 1/15/21

San Francisco continues to experience a rapid and significant surge in COVID-19 cases. A 20% overall population increase in new hospital and intensive care unit admissions, in combination with the daily reported increase in cases, has threatened and overwhelmed the health care system. The health care system is unable to accept additional patients, and the health care system is unable to accept additional patients. The health care system is unable to accept additional patients, and the health care system is unable to accept additional patients.

Business Category	Business Status	Change in Effective Date
Food (except alcohol)	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Alcohol	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Retail	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Services	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Healthcare	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Education	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Government	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Non-Profit	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Religious	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Arts and Entertainment	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Construction	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Manufacturing	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Transportation	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Utilities	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21
Essential Services	Open	1/15/21 to 1/15/21

Business Capacities and Activities Table or BCAT

The Health Officer ordered suspensions or restrictions on capacity limits of the activities as shown in the table. These suspensions or restrictions amend any related orders, directives, or guidance. All impacted people and entities are required to adhere to these new limits and must otherwise continue to monitor and comply with all applicable [Health Orders](#) and [Directives](#).

Refer to the BCAT ([English](#), [Chinese](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Russian](#)) for all current restrictions, limitations and suspensions.



Please be advised this document will not be updated beyond the date noted below. Refer to [Directive 2020-19](#) and [Business Capacities and Activities Table](#) for current San Francisco regulations and allowances .

Tips and Frequently Asked Questions for Social Gatherings and Certain Other Organized Gatherings

UPDATED May 6, 2021

AUDIENCE: Hosts, organizers and participants of gatherings of people from more than one household. This information does not apply to gatherings of people living together in a single household.

BACKGROUND: San Francisco Health Officer Orders and Directives allow people in different households to gather, with restrictions to prevent spread of COVID-19. This tip sheet cover frequently asked questions about how to safely organize, host, and participate in gatherings of people from different households.

The Directives and associated documents are available on the [Health Directives page](#) under Gatherings, and the main Stay-Safer-at-Home Order also has related rules.

- Directive 2020-19 – Outdoor Gatherings
- Directive 2020-28 – Drive-In Gatherings
- Directive 2020-34 – Indoor Worship
- Order No. C19-07v Appendix C-2 – Small Indoor Gatherings

Additional guidance can be found at www.sfcddp.org/covid19.

Changes to this FAQ since the April 14, 2021 Version:

- Simplifies cleaning requirements
- Highlights that SFDPH does not recommend temperature measurement. This practice may still be a requirement by the State or regulatory agency
- Removes face covering requirement for some outdoor gatherings. Face covering are still required in certain instances (sports events, festivals).
- Updates BCAT table on capacity limits for indoor small gatherings and indoor private social gatherings, masking protocols,



Overview of Types of Gatherings

	GATHERING TYPE	DESCRIPTION OF GATHERING
<i>Outdoor</i>	Outdoor Special Gatherings	Political protests; Religious services or ceremonies, including wedding ceremonies and funerals, but not receptions;
	Small Outdoor Gathering	All other types of outdoor gatherings (e.g. outdoor gatherings with a meal, gatherings at a park, hosted tours)
	Drive-in Gatherings	In vehicles (e.g., for movie)
<i>Indoor</i>	Indoor Religious and Cultural Ceremonial Gatherings	Indoor religious and cultural ceremonies, including wedding ceremonies and funerals but not receptions
	Indoor Private Social Gatherings	Indoor gathering in private settings, primarily residences or settings not involving a business or facility staff
	Small Indoor Gatherings	Other indoor gatherings of small groups that are not private

Frequently Asked Questions

How Does COVID-19 Spread?

Our current understanding is that COVID-19 is mostly spread from person-to-person in the air through virus-containing droplets in the breath of someone with COVID-19. These respiratory droplets enter the air when a person breathes. Even more droplets can get in the air when infected people talk, sing, cough, or sneeze. People with COVID-19 may have no symptoms and can still be breathing out virus-containing droplets that can infect others. Transmission can occur through:

- Larger droplets. These larger droplets are sometimes called “ballistic droplets” because they travel in straight lines and are pulled down by gravity. People nearby, usually within 6 feet, are infected when they breathe in these droplets or if the droplets land in their eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Smaller droplets or infectious particles. These can float in the air for a period of time and/or travel beyond 6 feet on indoor air currents, especially in enclosed spaces with poor ventilation. People sharing the same space are infected when they breathe in these smaller droplets and particles or the droplets or particles land on their eyes, nose, or mouth – even if they are further than 6 feet away. These droplets are sometimes referred to as “aerosols” or “bioaerosols”.



COVID-19 can also spread if a person touches their eyes, nose or mouth after touching a contaminated surface (also known as a fomite transmission); however, this is less common.

[Monitor Your Health Daily](#). Be alert of symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, stay home, and get tested.

How can we help slow the spread of COVID-19?

CA Notify – another way for us to stop the spread

CA Notify (canotify.ca.gov) is an app you can add on your smartphone. It uses Bluetooth technology to recognize when you and your phone have been in close proximity to others infected with COVID-19 to help stop the spread of the virus in our community.

If you are using CA Notify and you test positive, your diagnosis will not be shared with others. However, if other people in close contact with you are also enrolled in the app, they will be told they had an exposure. They will be told the date of the exposure, but not the time, location or identity.

If you are using CA Notify and you were exposed to someone who tested positive and they entered their result into the app, you will be told the date of the exposure, but not the time, location or identity. CA Notify is available through Apple and Google. See canotify.ca.gov for more information.

What do we know about the COVID-19 Vaccine?

The vaccine is one of the most important ways to end the pandemic. The FDA, CDC as well as California's own Scientific Safety Review Workgroup have reviewed all data from clinical trials to ensure the safety and effectiveness of all COVID-19 vaccines. **Strongly encourage all personnel to get vaccinated.** Although the first vaccines that were available are estimated to be about 95% effective in preventing sickness from COVID-19 when someone is infected, we do not know how common it is for vaccinated people to get the virus and spread COVID-19 to others. Those who have received the COVID-19 vaccine are probably less likely to get COVID-19, but it is not guaranteed. Therefore, it is still very important for those who are vaccinated, and for the rest of the population who waits for their vaccines, to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic: wearing a mask that covers your mouth and nose when outside your home, avoiding gatherings, avoiding being indoors with people you don't live with, staying at least 6 feet away from others, and washing your hands often. Find out more about the vaccine, including where and when to get it at: sf.gov/covidvax

If you have received the COVID-19 vaccine, please read more about safer social interactions at: www.sfcdcp.org/lifeaftervaccine.

How can I stay as safe as possible at a gathering?

- Wear a face covering or mask. A face covering may be required in many cases at gatherings outside the house. See the [BCAT](#) for currently face covering requirements.
- Stay for a shorter period of time. The less time you spend with people you don't live with, the safer it is.
- Stay 6 feet away from people outside your household unless everyone is fully vaccinated..



- Avoid activities or sports with **unvaccinated** people unless you can stay 6 feet away from people outside your household. Sports and exercise are higher risk because people produce more respiratory droplets when they are breathing harder. If you're going to engage in sports with people outside your household, you must follow all applicable guidance including the stay at safe home order [C19-07](#) and directive [2021-01](#). Please refer to the BCAT table for key restrictions.
- Avoid activities with **unvaccinated** people like singing, chanting, shouting, and playing wind or brass instruments. These activities produce many more respiratory droplets, increasing the risk of COVID-19. If you must participate in or be near people who are singing, speaking, chanting, shouting or playing wind instruments, see the question below: "Can we speak, sing, chant, shout, or play wind instruments at our gathering?"
- Be prepared. Bring your own hand sanitizer to gatherings in case there's there will be no place to wash or sanitize your hands.
- Consider staying home if you are **unvaccinated** and at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19 due to your age or medical conditions. See <https://www.sfc-dcp.org/vulnerable> for a list of groups at higher risk.
- Keep others safe: don't attend if you are or a family member feels ill or has COVID-19 like symptoms. For a list of symptoms, see <http://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/covid-guidance/covid-screening.pdf>
- People at risk for severe illness with COVID-19, such as **unvaccinated** older adults and unvaccinated people with certain medical conditions, as well as those who live or care for them are strongly discouraged from participating in activities with other people outside their household where taking protective measures of wearing face masks and social distancing may be difficult, especially indoors or in crowded spaces.
- Get the COVID-19 and flu vaccines. The COVID-19 is nearly 100% effective a reducing severe outcomes for anyone who gets infected and also prevents most symptomatic infections entirely. Preventing influenza is especially important during the COVID-19 epidemic because people who have flu and COVID-19 at the same time much more likely to die.

As a business or organization hosting a gathering, what must I do?

- Complete, maintain, and implement the following documents:
- For any gathering allowed by a Health Directive, a Health and Safety Plan for the type of gathering, including COVID-19 screening for all personnel (www.sfc-dcp.org/screening-handout) and participants (www.sfc-dcp.org/screeningvisitors). The Health and Safety Plan must be provided to Host Personnel, available to participants, and posted at the physical entrance where the Host operates. See www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus-health-directives.asp to find the correct link for your gathering.
- For all gatherings hosted by any business, entity, or organization, a [SFDPH Social Distancing Protocol](#) is required.
- **Signage on reporting violations of COVID-19 Health Orders.** Host Businesses or organizations are required to post signs in employee break rooms or areas informing employees of the right to report violations of COVID-19 health orders and directives by calling 311 or visiting www.sf.gov/report-health-order-violation. Signage needs to state that employee's identity will



remain anonymous. Sample signage is available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>.

- Consider keeping a record of people at your gathering, especially if they are unvaccinated, in case someone is later found to have COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can infect others up to 2 days before they develop symptoms or test positive. Hosts must help public health authorities in contact tracing efforts in case an attendee develops COVID-19. We can help prevent COVID-19 transmission by contact tracing which helps identify people who may have been exposed and helping them quarantine so they don't inadvertently spread the disease.
- Any lists should be discarded after three weeks (unless your business keeps such records in the ordinary course of business).
- Try to maintain an up-to-date contact list to alert attendees in the event of potential exposure.
- For more information, see <https://covid19.ca.gov/contact-tracing>.
- Follow SFDPH's guidelines on "[COVID-19 Positive At Workplace](#)" if someone at your gathering tests positive for COVID-19.

If you are hosting an Indoor Religious/Cultural Gathering, you must adhere to the changes made on the Business Capacities and Activities Table (BCAT) as well as:

- **Post signs about the increased risk of COVID-19 indoors.** Post SFDPH Approved Signage, stating:
 - That COVID-19 is transmitted through the air and that indoor settings carry a much higher risk of infection.
 - That unvaccinated older adults and those with health risks should avoid indoor settings with crowds.
 - The maximum capacity of the space and the maximum capacity currently permitted under the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order.
- **Post Ventilation signage at public entrances and all break rooms indicating which of the following systems are used:**
 - All available windows and doors accessible to fresh outdoor air are kept open
 - Fully operational HVAC systems
 - Appropriately sized portable air cleaners in each room
 - None of the above
- **Ensure that indoor spaces are well-ventilated.**

Good ventilation controls droplets and infectious particles to prevent COVID-19 transmission by:

 - *removing air containing droplets and particles from the room;*
 - *diluting the concentration of droplets and particles by adding fresh, uncontaminated air;*
 - *filtering room air, removing droplets and particles from the air.*
- Comply with the ventilation protocols laid out at Section 4.i of the [Stay-Safer-At-Home Order](#), including to review and follow [SFDPH's Ventilation Guidance](#).



- Implement as many improvements in the [Ventilation Guidance](#) as feasible. Keep a hand-annotated copy of the Ventilation Guidance showing which specific improvements were considered and implemented.
- Make any necessary improvements to the ventilation of the establishment, including:
 - Increase natural ventilation by opening windows and doors when environmental conditions allow and if permitted by fire and building safety requirements. Fire doors should not be wedged or propped open.
 - **Doors and Windows** required to be kept closed for **fire/life safety purposes** are exempt. For example, fire doors must remain closed. Make sure open windows do not create falling hazards especially for children.
 - If an HVAC system is present:
 - Ensure HVAC systems are serviced and functioning properly.
 - Evaluate possibilities for upgrading air filters to the highest efficiency possible.
 - Increase the percentage of outdoor air through the HVAC system, readjusting or overriding recirculation (“economizer”) dampers.
 - Disable demand-control ventilation controls that reduce air supply based on temperature or occupancy.
 - Evaluate running the building ventilation system even when the building is unoccupied to maximize ventilation. At the minimum, reset timer-operated ventilation systems so that they start operating 1-2 hours before the building opens and 2-3 hours after the building is closed.
 - Consider installing portable air cleaners (“HEPA filters”).
 - If the establishment uses pedestal fans or hard mounted fans, adjust the direction of fans to minimize air blowing from one individual’s space to another’s space.
 - For more information and additional resources, please see the following: San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFPDH): www.sfgdcp.org/COVID-ventilation.

As a host/organizer, how else can I keep our gathering as safe as possible?

- Limit the duration of your gathering to the shortest time possible, even if it is outdoors. The shorter it is, the safer it is.
- Avoid riskier activities such as singing, speaking, chanting, shouting, and playing wind or brass instruments, even outdoors. The activities produce large numbers of respiratory droplets, increasing the risk of COVID-19. If you must take part in these activities, maximize physical distance from others at all times and wear a Face Covering whenever required. See more under “Can we sing, chant, shout, or play wind instruments at our gathering?”
- Promote COVID-19 and flu vaccination. The COVID-19 vaccine is nearly 100% effective at reducing severe outcomes for anyone who gets infected and also prevents most symptomatic infections entirely. And flu vaccines are critical in the fight against COVID-19 by (1) keeping workers and communities healthy and (2) reducing strain on our healthcare and testing systems that are responding to COVID-19. Post signage to encourage flu vaccine among personnel and participants. Find out more information at <http://sfgdcp.org/flu>.



What else can I do to decrease the risk of our indoor gathering?

In addition to the measures laid out in *“How can I keep a gathering as safe as possible?”*

- There is always less risk when participants are vaccinated.
- For **Indoor Private Social Gatherings**, refer to the [safer social guidance](#).
- For **Small Indoor Gatherings**, follow the rules listed in Section 13 of Appendix C-2 of [Order No. C19-07v](#) (which include the following: following listed capacity limits; wearing of face coverings as required by the order; allow eating or drinking only with safety protocols for indoor dining; and, whenever possible, maintaining six feet physical distance between households and addressing ventilation improvements).
- For **Cultural or Religious activities at private residences or other indoor settings** follow the rules listed for **Small Indoor Gatherings** or if you want to increase your capacity limits follow the [Indoor Worship Directive](#).
- Get vaccinated when it’s your turn.
- Implement ventilation measures to bring in more fresh air in your indoor space.
- Make sure that personnel and participants are aware that indoor gatherings are much higher risk for COVID-19 than outdoor gatherings, so they can decide if they can safely attend.
- Consider making changes to minimize crowding and make physical distancing easier for people from different households. Examples include moving podiums, creating physical barriers, taping off or moving seating, identifying entrance and exits, indicating walking paths in areas where participants pray or kneel on the floor, prohibiting access to common areas.

Can I host more than one gathering on the same day?

Yes, as long as you schedule gatherings far enough apart that participants from different gatherings do not mix, and you can clean high-touch areas regularly and in accordance with CDC guidance.

- Hosts must separate outdoor gatherings by at least 20 minutes and indoor gatherings by 30 minutes between gatherings, to allow time for participants to exit and for personnel to clean.
- Keep the spaces clean in accordance with [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#).
- Hosts may not hold more than one Outdoor Gathering at a single location at the same time.
- Hosts may not hold both indoor and outdoor gatherings simultaneously to allow for more people to attend a gathering (e.g. indoor and outdoor wedding or funeral).

Can I hold more than one indoor worship or cultural ceremonial gatherings at the same time in a large facility?

Yes, you may hold simultaneous or overlapping indoor gatherings if all of the following conditions are met:

- Each gathering must be held in its own, physically separate space, either in different buildings, or in different rooms separated by sealed floor-to-ceiling walls. Partitions may not be used to divide an indoor space for two different gatherings.
- Participants from different gatherings are not allowed to mix.



- Different gatherings must use separate entrances and exits. If only one shared entrance and exit exist, the Host must ensure participants from different gatherings do not enter or exit at the same time, for example, by staggering start and end times.
- Personnel and participants must not move between gatherings.
- The host must develop a written plan to describe how they will keep people in different gatherings from mixing, as outlined in Section 4.1.3 of the [Indoor Worship Directive](#).
- In general, keep the areas that are not reserved for an indoor gathering closed to participants, unless expressly permitted under the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order.

Can personnel who are not involved in a gathering work on-site while a gathering is taking place?

Yes. Personnel are allowed to work inside the facility while multiple indoor gatherings occur as long as staff follow rules for [the Business Operating Office Facilities Directive](#) and [Stay-Safer-At-Home Order](#).

Can we eat or drink at gatherings?

Yes, in some cases. Limits of the number of people who may gather and eat and drink together at an outdoor gathering are listed in the [BCAT](#).

- Follow the masking and distancing requirement listed in the [BCAT](#).
- Avoid hand-to-mouth contact between different people. Respiratory droplets from one person's mouth can land on the other person's hand, increasing the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- As an example, communion rituals could have the priest and participants masked at all times, with the participants receiving communion in the hand and moving away from others to briefly lower their mask to place the sacramental bread on the tongue (see example video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8tg8A5jmP0).
- People from different households should not drink out of the same glass or cup. They also should not share utensils. If glasses, cups, or utensils are shared, they must be cleaned between households, and anyone handling the shared item must also wash or sanitize their hands.
- Self-service food, potlucks, or family-style eating with shared serving plates or drink dispensers are not allowed.

Must we wear masks/ face coverings all the time?

- You must wear masks as specified in the [Face Covering Order](#).
- Proper use of face coverings is even more critical when in higher risk gatherings, such as indoors.
- The [BCAT](#) details instances of settings where masks may be removed. When in an environment where facial coverings are required, there may be essential moments in a ritual or ceremony where they may need to be briefly removed. A person may briefly remove their face covering only if they (1) maintain social distance and do not speak, recite, chant, shout or sing; or (2) isolate themselves from all other people to speak or recite, such as by speaking inside an enclosed chamber or behind a plastic or glass partition or face shield at the required physical distance listed in the BCAT.



What about camping, cookouts, or BBQs?

- Bring your own supplies including soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, etc.
- If camping with people from outside your household, follow all applicable [Isolation and Quarantine guidance](#). For vaccinated individuals see www.sfgdcp.org/lifeaftervaccine.

Can we sing, chant, shout, or play wind instruments at our gathering?

Please see the [BCAT](#) for restrictions for singing, speaking, chanting, shouting, or play wind instruments. Also note, that this activity is subject to State restrictions:

- Face coverings and Instrument covers are often required and are always strongly encouraged during these activities. Performers indoors are strongly encouraged to be masked at all times as much as possible including when not performing.
- For wind/brass instruments, Instruments must not be shared among individuals of different households. If relevant to the instrument, performers should use a large, thin, plastic-lined pad on their chest and lap to collect spit.
- Consider using amplifiers to be able to sing, chant, yell, or play wind instruments more quietly, producing fewer respiratory droplets.
- Consider a physical barrier indoors between the performer and others.
- Have performers position themselves so that voices and air exiting from instruments is directed away from Participants (for example, in silhouette).
- Encourage performers to be fully vaccinated or, if not, to get tested for COVID-19 within the 72 hours prior to their performance date. People can get tested by their regular healthcare provider or at CityTestSF (<https://sf.gov/citytestsf>).
- Anyone who sings, chants, shouts, or plays a wind instrument must **maintain at least the minimum distancing requirements** from any other person that are listed in the [BCAT](#).
- Indoor musical activities should take place in a large, well ventilated area (see www.sfgdcp.org/COVID-ventilation).
- When indoors, minimize the amount of time engaged in these activities.

At a drive-in gathering, can the host sell food and drinks to the audience?

Host may sell food and drinks to audience in a drive-in gathering. DPH recommends that food and drinks be ordered online and delivered directly to the vehicles. In-person purchase and pickup of food and drinks may be allowed if the host can:

- Set up a separate designated space for in-person purchases;
- Use signage and physical barriers (such as tape, ropes, marks) as well as develop a metering system to ensure patrons and Personnel can maintain six feet of physical distancing at all times;
 - A metering system can be as simple as designating time slots for vehicles from different groups to pick up food and drinks.
- Ensure patrons do not eat or drink around the designated space, do not gather or queue outside the designated area, and immediately return to their vehicles after picking up their items.



- Please follow the guidelines outlined in the [Directive 2020-28](#) for key restrictions.

Resources

Useful COVID-19 Resources to keep checking:

- San Francisco guidance: www.sfdcp.org/covid19
- FAQ General Ventilation: www.sfdph.org/dph/files/ig/FAQ-General-Ventilation.pdf
- San Francisco Health Officer orders: www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus-healthorders.asp
- Printable resources such as signage: <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>
- Religious Schools for Youth and Daycare Arrangement at House of Worship guidelines:
 - [2020-14-Guidance-Childcare.pdf \(sfdph.org\)](#)
 - [Reopening TK-12 Schools for In-Person Instruction Interim Guidance for School Year 2020-2021 \(sfdph.org\)](#)
- California guidance:
 - <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>
 - <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-places-of-worship.pdf>
- CDC guidance: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/index.html

Checklist

Health Officer Directive No. 2020-28g (Exhibit C) Health and Safety Plan (issued 5/6/21)

Each Drive-In Gathering Host must complete, post onsite and online, and follow this Health and Safety Plan.

Check off all items below that apply and list other required information.

Business/Entity name:

Contact name:

Facility Address:

Email / telephone:

(You may contact the person listed above with any questions or comments about this plan.)

- Confirm that you are familiar with and have implemented all requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-28g, available online at: www.sfdph.org/directives, including the Tips and FAQs for Gatherings, available at www.sfcddcp.org/gatheringtips.
- Complete any necessary adjustments to the layout of the Drive-In Gathering space to allow for proper social distancing including adequate distance for emergency ingress, access, and egress.
- Obtain any necessary permits needed for the Drive-In Gathering.
- Complete evaluation of electrical safety and implemented all required precautions.
- Develop a plan to ensure Personnel and participants comply with Social Distancing Requirements and to limit the number of vehicles at the Drive-In Gathering.
- Require participants to remain in their vehicles at all times except when using the restroom, accessing concessions, or during an emergency. If feasible, ensure that any concession sales are conducted remotely and delivered to each vehicle. If patrons are personally purchasing or picking up concessions, ensure that physical distancing is monitored and enforced at or near the point of purchase, that Face Coverings are worn when required, and that no food or beverages are consumed except when seated in or on vehicles.
- Ensure daily COVID-19 symptom self-verifications are completed for all Personnel as required by the Social Distancing Protocol.
- Ensure that patrons are sent the list of COVID-19 symptoms described in the Social Distancing Protocol of Exhibit A and are told not to attend if they have symptoms.
- Provide hand washing stations or hand sanitizer at convenient locations throughout the Drive-In venue.
- Implemented all sanitization requirements as described in Directive 2020-28g and the Social Distancing Protocol.
- Ensure that Personnel have access to cleaning supplies.
- Ensure that high-touch surfaces in bathrooms or other common areas are cleaned at least once daily, or more frequently if required by industry standards.
- Post signage reminding customers of their obligations to remain in vehicles, maintain social distance, wear a Face Covering if required, and wash or sanitize hands frequently.