

Alberta Recommendation for Mass Gatherings

DEFINITION: For the purposes of this document, a mass gathering is any event or assembling that brings together people in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, theater, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space.

For the purposes of this document, mass gatherings do not include normal operations at airports, schools, places of worship, shopping malls, recreation centers, typical office environments or retail or grocery stores or other spaces people may be moving or walking about as part of normal activities of daily living.



Mass Gatherings with more than 250 people should be cancelled.



Mass Gatherings with less than 250 people but more than 50 should be assessed by the event hosts/organizers/planners and cancelled if they meet any of the following criteria:

- event includes any number of attendees coming from countries outside of Canada
- event has, as its focus, attendees that are members of critical infrastructure or critical service roles (e.g. healthcare workers, first responders, electric/power workers, telecommunications)
- event includes attendees from demographic groups at greater risk of severe disease, such as people 60 years of age and older and individuals with chronic medical conditions
- will attendees be participating in activities that promote transmission(e.g. singing, cheering, close physical contact such as when participating in contact sports, sharing food or beverages, buffet style meals)

If the event does not meet any of the above criteria and the event will proceed, event hosts/organizers/planners shall follow the general risk mitigation strategies listed in the green box below.



All events of 50 people or less and all events that are proceeding because they do not meet the criteria in the yellow box above shall follow these general risk mitigation strategies:

- Clarify that individuals who are sick with a fever or cough should not attend (even if symptoms appear to be mild or resembling a cold);
- Recommend that anyone at high-risk of severe disease not attend the event;
- Reduce the number of participants or change the venue to prevent crowding;
- Stagger the time of arrivals and departures;
- Provide packaged refreshments instead of a buffet;
- Increase access to handwashing stations;
- Frequently clean surfaces that are touched often;
- Promote personal protective practices (hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, staying home if ill);
- Offer virtual or live-streamed activities instead of in-person events; and
- Change the event program to remove activities that increase the risk of disease transmission such as those that require physical contact between participants.