

Social, Religious, and Other Gatherings
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I. Applicability: This Attachment applies to all gatherings of individuals and social organizations.

II. Social Distancing Protocols for Individuals:

a. Movement outside the home:

- i. Individuals are not required to stay home.
- ii. Individuals frequenting businesses may find that businesses have set forth their own requirements applicable to patronizing that business.
- iii. It is encouraged to continue, when in public spaces, efforts to maintain at least a six foot distance from other individuals.
- iv. In all gatherings that include multiple households, it is suggested that cloth face coverings be worn by all participants. See Health Alert 010 for helpful information on cloth face coverings. This can be found online at: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/SiteAssets/Pages/HumanCoV/SOA_04032020_HealthAlert010_ClothFaceCoverings.pdf

b. Symptomatic Individuals:

- i. Any family member who is ill with COVID-19 must be immediately isolated in their home or other permitted place of isolation. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html#precautions>.
- ii. Any individual who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 illness must not leave their home or place of dwelling within 72 hours of their last fever, including to work, except as necessary to seek or receive medical care. Individuals who are symptomatic, but did not manifest a fever, must not leave their home or dwelling place until they no longer exhibit symptoms.
- iii. Any individual who exhibits symptoms of illness may not participate in gatherings that include non-household members for at least 72 hours past their last fever. Individuals who are symptomatic, but did not manifest a fever, must not leave their home or dwelling place until they no longer exhibit symptoms.
- iv. Individuals who have known exposure to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 shall self-quarantine for 14 days following the last exposure, and shall not participate in any gatherings with non-household members.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit coronavirus.alaska.gov

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III. Guidance for Social and Other Gatherings, Generally:

For Indoor gatherings:

- a. This section applies broadly to any types of gatherings, including political, union, fundraising, or other group events, as well as meetings of individuals from different households.
- b. Social distancing of at least six feet continues to be a best practice.
- c. It is encouraged to continue wearing cloth face coverings when attending gatherings. See Health Alert 010 for helpful information on cloth face coverings. http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/SiteAssets/Pages/HumanCoV/SOA_04032020_HealthAlert010_ClothFaceCoverings.pdf.
- d. If the event is being held in a building that is open to the public, and not an individual's home:
 - i. Persons with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should not be on the premises.
 - ii. Frequent handwashing by staff and volunteers is encouraged.

For Outdoor Gatherings:

- a. Social distancing of at least six feet continues to be a best practice.

IV. Additional Guidance for Religious Gatherings:

For Indoor/In-Person Services:

- a. Gatherings may include members from different households.
- b. Social distancing of at least six feet continues to be a best practice.
 - i. Wearing cloth face coverings at gatherings including non-household members, is encouraged, when possible.
 - ii. The organizer or facility must provide handwashing or sanitizer.
 - iii. Persons with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should not be on the premises.
 - iv. Handwashing capability or sanitizer availability is encouraged.
 - v. Establish protocols for sacrament, communion, or collecting offering with minimal handling of the offering plate and money.
 - vi. Handwashing capability or sanitizer availability is encouraged.

For Outdoor Services:

- a. Further guidance for community and faith-based organizations can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>.