

Outdoor Event Guidance, 4/21/21

NOTE: All Denver events open to the public and on public property must work with the Office of Special Events (OSE) and submit a COVID-19 mitigation plan. The information below relates to Denver Dept of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE) and Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) and does not address OSE's requirements. Please contact OSE at denverevents@denvergov.org or visit the OSE website for additional information about requirements for public events on public property: <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Office-of-Special-Events/Special-Events>

On Friday, April 16th, Denver revised its public health order following changes to the State public health order. Effective for 30 days until May 15th, the State order requires coordinators of outdoor events that are both seated and ticketed in venues that are 30,000 square feet or greater to submit a written request, including mitigation plan, to the local health department and obtain final approval from CDPHE. Requests can be submitted to DDPHE at phicommments@denvergov.org. Denver's order requires that event coordinators who wish to operate an event of more than 5,000 people also first consult with DDPHE.

All public and private outdoor events must have a COVID mitigation plan in place that facilitates distancing and maintains protective measures. DDPHE will not review or approve mitigation plans, except for those events that require Denver or State approval (venue size of over 30,000 square feet or more than 5,000 attendees). Plans must be adhered to and available for review on-site during the event by public health investigators. DDPHE is available for questions and guidance at phicommments@denvergov.org.

COVID Mitigation Plans

Each event must have a written mitigation plan that describes the strategies used to facilitate maximum distancing within the usable space, as well as other mitigation measures. There is no set distancing requirement, but the plan should prevent crowding and mingling between groups.

Each event is unique, and the mitigation strategies that are effective depend on the event footprint, format, size, and other factors. It is the responsibility of the event organizer to determine the specific strategies in the mitigation plan. Some mitigation strategies for consideration include:

- Limited event capacity. While there is no set distance required, coordinators should ensure maximum distancing between groups at seated events and controls to prevent crowding at unseated events.
- For seated events, limit individual group size to 10 and create distancing between each group.
- Provide pre-event and on-site messaging to attendees regarding personal responsibility: maintaining distance, stay home if sick or exposed, etc.
- Manage foot traffic flow and use visual cues to indicate direction and distance.

-Encourage attendees to wear face coverings when unable to fully distance and have extra face coverings available onsite.

-Ensure adequate restroom and handwashing facilities.

-Ensure frequent disinfection of high touch surfaces.

Summary of DDPHE and CDPHE Outdoor Event Requirements
Effective 4/16/21 through 5/15/21 with potential to extend or revise

Outdoor Events (seated or unseated):

<30,000 sq ft, 100% capacity up to 5,000 people, with written mitigation plan that facilitates distancing. Must obtain DDPHE approval to exceed 5,000.

Large Outdoor Events (seated and ticketed):

>30,000 sq ft, must submit written mitigation plan and obtain DDPHE and CDPHE approval

Large Outdoor Events (not seated and/or not ticketed)

>30,000 sq ft, must have written mitigation plan and if more than 5,000 attendees, must obtain DDPHE approval