PUBLIC GATHERINGS

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

WHAT IS COVID-19?
COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus that started spreading in the Hubei Province of China in late 2019. The Metro Public Health Department is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Tennessee Department of Health to inform the public of the best ways to fight and prevent the illness.

WHAT ARE THESE GUIDELINES FOR?
These guidelines are designed to help reduce the risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19 at large public gatherings. These guidelines provide recommendations to event planners and attendees.

Additional information on COVID-19 can be found at Coronavirus.Nashville.gov.

GUIDANCE FOR EVENT PLANNERS

Carefully consider the implications of holding meetings or events involving more than 100 people

- At this time, MPHD is not requiring closures or cancellations, but we do want the community to be aware of risks that can be mitigated or avoided with reasonable precautions.
- MPHD is monitoring the situation carefully, and this guidance may be updated at any time.

Assess the necessity of a meeting or event

- Does the meeting or event have to be now?
- Can the attendance list be narrowed to an essential minimum?
- If the meeting or event must occur, look for alternative ways for people to participate, if possible. For example, consider teleconferencing and other remote options.
- Take reasonable steps for the protection of our most vulnerable citizens.

Scatter seating within the available space

- Allow meeting and event attendees to maintain distance between themselves and others.

GUIDANCE FOR EVENT ATTENDEES

Do not attend meetings or events if you are sick

- If you have a mild illness, symptoms of respiratory illness, or have a fever, stay at home. Call your doctor for further guidance.

Do not greet others with a handshake

- Practice alternative ways of greeting one another, such as with a smile, a nod, or an elbow bump.

Practice social distancing

- Maintain a distance of approximately 6 feet from others when possible.

Take everyday steps to protect yourself and others

- Wash your hands frequently.
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating or preparing food, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
  - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60%-95% alcohol.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash. If you don’t have access to a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve.