



ACTIVITIES DURING COVID-19, DELTA VARIANT SURGE

This advice is for those who are planning to host or attend events or gatherings (for example weddings, funerals, family gatherings, etc.) during this time. Our community is fortunate to be home to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, which pioneered the SHIELD ecosystem, developed the saliva test and expanded free and available testing through SHIELD CU. This guidance is meant for organizations who want to adopt an approach that aligns with these best practices. The COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving, so this guidance may change at any time.

The most important thing you can do to protect yourself and those unable to be vaccinated is to get vaccinated. Your vaccine will also help protect those who are unable to vaccinate. Vaccines are available throughout our community, seven days a week. The vaccines are safe, effective and free. Anyone age 12 and older may come to Champaign-Urbana Public Health District on Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30 for a choice of either Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines. The process takes about 20 minutes -- five minutes to complete the paperwork and get the vaccine and 15 minutes to wait post-vaccine. Other vaccine locations in your local area can be located at www.vaccine.gov.

Free COVID-19 testing is also available seven days a week in our county. Options can be found here or by searching online: <https://www.c-uphd.org/covid-testing.html>. We recommend those who cannot vaccinate to test regularly. Even if you are vaccinated, you can test at any of these sites if you experience any symptoms or if you were in a situation that concerns you.

GUIDANCE

Recommendations for outdoor gatherings:

1. Recommend everyone is vaccinated if they are able to do so. Consider having cards checked.
2. Masks optional. When there will be crowded and sustained close contact, consider encouraging masks.
3. Kids under 12 should be masked.
4. Immune-compromised individuals should be masked, even if vaccinated, while in crowds.
5. Hand sanitizing stations should be available for all.
6. If possible, consider expanding the venue space to allow for more spacing and social distancing.

Recommendations for indoor gatherings:

1. Recommend everyone is vaccinated if they are able to do so. Consider having cards checked.
2. Require masks for all.
3. When possible, follow CDC guidance for ventilation systems or open windows.
4. Have hand sanitizing stations at entrances and throughout the venue.



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Recommendations for events where not everyone is vaccinated or testing frequently:

1. For non-vaccinated individuals, recommend a negative COVID-19 test done within 72 hours of the event.
2. Require masks for all.
3. If possible, follow social distancing of 3 ft (6 ft preferred) between non-households.
4. When possible, follow CDC guidance for ventilation systems or open windows.
5. Non-Vaccinated individuals may test 3-5 days after the event. Anyone should test immediately if experiencing symptoms.

Travel:

1. People who travel for the gatherings should follow [CDC guidance for Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).

Please note the date of this guidance. It is subject to change due to the evolving situation. For more information and resources, please go to www.c-uphd.org frequently.



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