

General Recommendations for Job's Daughters Large Group Events during the COVID19 Pandemic

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Definitions

1. Pandemic: disease burden has reached a threshold level across a majority of countries
2. COVID 2019: the name of the disease caused by the novel coronavirus
3. SARS-COV-2: the name of the novel coronavirus
4. Containment: confirmed case contact tracing, travel bans
5. Mitigation: social distancing, school and work closures, working from home, hand hygiene
6. Quarantine: keeping an exposed person from others during incubation
7. Isolation: keeping an infected person from other during active illness

Recommendations

For events over 100 people in attendance, it is recommended that social distancing be the priority and the event be postponed or canceled.

- Social distancing reduces cases and severity of cases through several mechanisms.
- We should assume the COVID19 is present and quarantine, lockdowns, closures and cancellations of mass gatherings are pre-emptive interventions to slow the transmission of disease and limit the impact on health services.
- If an event with over 100 people continues forward, there should be a preparedness plan for before, during, and after the event per CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>

In group events less than 100 people, the following actions are strongly recommended.

- Enhanced hand hygiene is required. Access to soap and water for frequent hand washing must be provided. Hand sanitizer should only be for brief use, and not relied upon as the sole source for hand hygiene. Sink signage on proper handwashing technique should be posted, and intentional reminders to wash hands (for at least 20 seconds) by event planners should be scheduled every 2-3 hours. Hand sanitizing stations may be used but not in lieu of washing hands with soap and water.
- Expanded cleaning protocols to increase the frequency of cleaning service on hard surfaces (at least every 1-2 hours) with the use of broad-spectrum disinfectants in all restrooms, kitchens, and common, high-traffic areas.
- Attendees who have been sick within the previous two weeks (14 days) of the event should be informed to stay home. In the event that an attendee presents with signs of illness like fever, coughing, fatigue, or shortness of breath, they should be directed to the closest medical facility and asked to leave the event.