



Exhibit A to Health Officer Directive No. 2020-19i (issued 5/6/21)

Best Practices for Participants and Hosts Involved in Outdoor Gatherings

In addition to preparing, posting, and implementing the Social Distancing Protocol (Appendix A of Health Officer Order No. C19-07 as each may be amended in the future), each Host covered by Section 3 of this Directive that operates in the City must comply with each requirement listed below and prepare a Health and Safety Plan substantially in the format of Exhibit B, below. Participants and Hosts must also comply with each of the applicable requirements listed below.

1. Section 1 – General Requirements For all Outdoor Gatherings, including Small Outdoor Gatherings and Outdoor Special Gatherings:

1.1. Before participating in an Outdoor Gathering, people should consider the health risks relating to COVID-19 to themselves and others before doing so and should take all possible steps – including waiting until they are fully vaccinated – to mitigate those risks. Before participating in an Outdoor Gathering, Participants and Hosts should read and make themselves familiar with the Tip Sheet for Safer Interactions During COVID-19 Pandemic and the Tip Sheet for Outdoor Gatherings, which may be found at www.sfchcp.org/outdoor-gatherings.

1.1.1. Those at higher risk for severe illness and death from COVID-19—such as unvaccinated older adults, and unvaccinated individuals with health risks—and members of their Households are encouraged to carefully consider the health risks relating to COVID-19 before deciding whether to participate in Outdoor Gatherings. For more information on who is at higher risk for severe illness and death from COVID-19, see <http://www.sfchcp.org/vulnerable>.

1.1.2. Participants and Hosts must not attend any Outdoor Gatherings if they feel ill or are experiencing any one of the following symptoms: fever, chills, repeated shaking/shivering, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, feeling unusually weak or fatigued, new loss of taste or smell, muscle pain, headache, runny or congested nose, or diarrhea. Participants and Hosts must also not attend any Outdoor Gatherings if they are subject to quarantine or self-isolation under Health Officer Directive 2020-03, and any subsequent amendments to that Directive.

1.2. Outdoor Gatherings must occur completely outdoors. If necessary, Participants and Hosts may enter a building to access an outdoor area or use indoor bathroom facilities. Participants must not remain inside longer than necessary and must not congregate in or near restroom facilities. Hosts must take all reasonable precautions to prevent Participants from congregating indoors.

1.3. The duration of all gatherings should be limited to the maximum extent possible.

1.4. Multiple Outdoor Gatherings cannot be jointly organized or coordinated to occur in the same outdoor space at the same time – these simultaneous gatherings would constitute a single gathering exceeding the permitted size. While multiple gatherings that are not jointly organized or coordinated may occur in the same space, such as a public park, Participants must not move among Outdoor Gatherings or switch places with Participants in other Outdoor Gatherings. Participants are reminded that the more contacts a person



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has with others, including during Outdoor Gatherings, the more they are placing themselves and others at risk of transmitting the virus.

- 1.5.** Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Directive, all Social Distancing Requirements of Health Officer Order C19-07 (the “Stay-Safer-At-Home Order”) and the Face Covering requirements of Health Officer Order C19-12 (the “Face Covering Order”), as they may be amended, apply to all Hosts and Participants in Outdoor Gatherings.
 - 1.6.** Unless larger groups are otherwise permitted under the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order, groups of up to a maximum of 25 people in total between all Households may engage in outdoor fitness, recreation, or athletics subject to any applicable Health Officer orders or directives including Appendixes C-1 and C-2 of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order and Health Officer Directive No. 2021-01 (Youth and Adult Recreational Sports).
 - 1.7.** To prevent virus transmission and assist with effective contact tracing, Participants are strongly encouraged to minimize the number of people in an Outdoor Gathering and keep Participants consistent from one gathering to another. To assist in potential contact tracing efforts, Participants are encouraged to remember who they gather with.
 - 1.8.** Prohibit sharing utensils, food, drink or other items that could result in the transfer of oral or nasal secretions between different Households unless such items can be cleaned between uses.
 - 1.9.** If an object such as reading materials or religious or spiritual items is of critical importance and is shared among members of different Households, it must be cleaned at least once daily, or more frequently if required by industry standards and otherwise in accordance with current CDC guidelines. Cleaning does not have to occur after each individual person touches a surface unless a person appears symptomatic or there is visible contamination from nasal or oral secretions. Participants and Hosts should avoid contact with high-touch surfaces when feasible and should practice good hand hygiene.
 - 1.10.** Singing, chanting, shouting, and playing wind instruments are permitted during Outdoor Gatherings in strict accordance with Section 3.i of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order.
 - 1.11.** Consistent with the limitations under the State Health Order, Stay-Safer-at-Home Order, and guidance from SFDPH, Hosts and Participants may, subject to any applicable permit requirements, conduct their gatherings under a tent, canopy, or other sun or weather shelter. Any use of impermeable barriers, or area umbrellas, canopies, and other shade structures must be consistent with guidance in Section 4.c of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order.
- 2. Section 2 – Additional Requirements for Small Outdoor Gatherings:**
- 2.1.** A group consisting of people (including both Participants and Hosts) up to a maximum of 75 people in total may congregate in Small Outdoor Gatherings.
 - 2.2.** Face Coverings are not generally required except, if applicable, Hosts and Personnel in contact with members of the public are required to wear Face Coverings in accordance with the Face Covering Order. Unvaccinated people must wear a Face Covering if they are unable maintain physical distance (six feet recommended) from members of other Households and are strongly urged to wear a Face Covering at all times.



- 2.3. Participants must follow all Social Distancing Requirements including maintaining physical distance (six feet recommended) from members of other Households. Participants engaged in singing, chanting, shouting, playing of wind instruments, or activities that result in increased breathing are required to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from members of other Households.
- 2.4. The size of a group must be reduced according to the size of the outdoor space and Participants' ability to follow Social Distancing Requirements and maintain applicable physical distance at all times. For example, if the size of an outdoor space allows no more than 10 people to follow Social Distancing at all times during a gathering, then the maximum total size for that Small Outdoor Gathering is 10 people between all Households.
- 2.5. Participants may sing, chant, shout, or play wind instruments in strict accordance with Section 3.i of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order.

3. Section 3 – Additional Requirements Specific to Outdoor Special Gatherings

- 3.1. Face Coverings are not generally required during Outdoor Special Gatherings of up to 299 people (exclusive of Personnel). Face Coverings are required at all Outdoor Special Gatherings involving 300 or more people (exclusive of Personnel). Hosts and Personnel in contact with members of the public are required to wear Face Coverings at all Outdoor Special Gatherings in accordance with the Face Covering Order. Unvaccinated people must wear a Face Covering if they are unable maintain physical distance (six feet recommended) from members of other Households and are strongly urged to wear a Face Covering at all gatherings.
- 3.2. Participants in Outdoor Special Gatherings must follow all Social Distancing Requirements including maintaining physical distance (six feet recommended) from members of other Households. Participants engaged in singing, chanting, shouting, playing of wind instruments, or activities that result in increased breathing are required to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from members of other Households.
- 3.3. The size of an Outdoor Special Gathering must be reduced according to the size of the outdoor space and Participants' ability to follow Social Distancing Requirements and maintain applicable physical distance at all times. Hosts of Outdoor Special Gatherings must follow all applicable rules and regulations governing the use of public parks and other open spaces. Hosts must also obtain any required permits for their gatherings as otherwise required.
- 3.4. No food or beverages may be sold at Outdoor Special Gatherings.
- 3.5. Hosts may allow singing, chanting, shouting, or playing of wind instruments in strict accordance with Section 3.i of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order.
- 3.6. The regulations in this Section 3 apply to Outdoor Special Gatherings such as religious or cultural ceremonies themselves, and not to any reception or similar gathering before or after. Any such reception or gathering may be subject to additional rules and limitations as set forth elsewhere in the Stay-Safe-At-Home Order.



4. Section 4 – Additional Requirements Specific to Hosts of Any Outdoor Gatherings

- 4.1.** Hosts may organize and hold Outdoor Gatherings provided they have sufficient outdoor space to allow all Participants to comply with Social Distancing Requirements.
- 4.2.** In compliance with the Social Distancing Protocol, Hosts covered by Section 3 of the Directive must develop and implement a plan for cleaning high touch surfaces such as seating, doors, and other common high-touch surfaces.
- 4.3.** Before hosting an Outdoor Gathering, a Host covered by Section 3 of the Directive must prepare the outdoor space to accommodate attendees and comply with the Social Distancing Protocol. For example, a Host may be required to prepare a plan for safe ingress and egress from the space and add physical markings to demonstrate a six-foot distance in areas participants may be congregating.
- 4.4.** Hosts covered by Section 3 of the Directive must prohibit Participants from informally congregating before or after any Outdoor Gatherings unless such gatherings are otherwise permitted under the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order.
- 4.5.** Only one Outdoor Gathering may be held by a Host at a single location at a time.
- 4.6.** As to Hosts covered by Section 3 of the Directive, Hosts may permit Personnel to participate in sequential Outdoor Gatherings during a single day but are reminded of the increased potential to transmit the virus from one Outdoor Gathering to another. Hosts organizing or participating in sequential Outdoor Gatherings must, in addition to the requirements of this Directive:
 - 4.6.1.** Provide a minimum of 20 minutes between sequential Outdoor Gatherings during which Participants may safely egress and clear the area and Personnel conduct any necessary cleaning, and otherwise prepare the space for the next gathering and
 - 4.6.2.** Ensure that before and between sequential Outdoor Gatherings, Personnel thoroughly wash hands and clean, or replace any items or clothing that became soiled or contaminated with secretions or bodily fluids from Participants or different Personnel during earlier gatherings.
- 4.7.** Hosts at Outdoor Gatherings must be prepared to assist public health authorities in potential contact tracing efforts. Consider maintaining a list of Participants willing to voluntarily provide their name for contact tracing purposes. Any lists should be discarded after three weeks. If a Participant tests positive for COVID-19, the Host must assist the Department of Public Health to identify other Participants or Personnel who may have been exposed to help prevent further spread of COVID-19.