

# Considerations for hosting a gathering.

Guests should be aware of these considerations and ask their host what mitigation measures will be in place during the gathering. Hosts should consider the following:

- Check the COVID-19 infection rates in your area. Most states are using the 15% rule to implement "stay at home" orders.
- Remain at least 6 feet apart at all times. Keep your event small and avoid direct contact with guests.
- If possible, have an outdoor event. Require guests to wear masks when not eating or drinking.
- If you must be indoors, increase ventilation by opening windows and doors.
- Clean and disinfect your home after the event.  
Keep music levels down, so people don't have to shout or speak loudly to be heard.
- Supply a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Stock bathrooms with enough hand soap and single-use towels.
- Limit contact with commonly touched surfaces or shared items, such as serving utensils.
- Use touchless garbage cans if available. Use gloves when removing garbage bags or handling and disposing of trash—Wash hands after removing gloves.
- Please plan and ask guests to avoid contact with people outside of their households for 14 days before the gathering.
- Treat pets as you would other human family members – do not let pets interact with people outside the household

We have included links to the CDC Hosting meetings and Considerations for Events and Gatherings, and how to disinfect your home.

[CDC tips for hosting meetings.](#)

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[Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Home.](#)