

COVID-19 INFORMATION

GUIDANCE FOR DRIVE-IN EVENTS

Overview

Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Order 25-2020 requires businesses and entities to:

- implement practices to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among attendees;
- provide procedures for rapid response if an attendee develops symptoms of illness;
- ensure that attendees maintain high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene;
- comply to the extent possible, with any applicable Alberta Health guidance found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx>.

Where any part of this guidance is inconsistent or in conflict with enhanced or stronger public health restrictions set out in another CMOH Order, the enhanced or stronger public health measures would prevail. Operators are also required to follow the [General Operational Guidance](#).

This document has been developed to support organizers planning drive-in style events or performances (e.g., movies, funerals, graduations, theatre, worship services) in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees (including workers, volunteers, patrons and the general public). The guidance provided outlines public health and infection prevention and control requirements specific to these settings and activities.

In all settings, it is important that measures are implemented to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. This includes, but is not limited to ensuring: physical distancing, barrier use (where appropriate), proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting, records management and building maintenance (e.g., ventilation).

COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

General

- There is no limit on the number of vehicles that can attend an outdoor drive-in event so long as:
 - Vehicles are spaced at least 2 metres apart, and parked in a fashion that facilitates the ability for emergency exit.
 - Attendees only share vehicles with members of their household.
 - Attendees do not leave their vehicles for the duration of the event, except to use the washroom.
 - When leaving their vehicles, attendees must maintain 2 metres' physical distancing from all others at all times.
- It is recommended that staff, volunteers and attendees wear face masks where ever possible.
 - All attendees must mask while in indoor public areas (e.g., washrooms).
- Staff, volunteers or others must maintain a 2 metre distance from the attendees.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles must pull in to designated, marked, parking stalls with 2 metres of distance between vehicles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will allow attendees to safely open vehicle windows. • Online admission ticketing should be used where possible. • Cashless or no-contact payments and transactions must be used to the greatest extent possible (e.g., scan tickets instead of ripping the stub). • Businesses, entities and venues that host drive-in events must enhance cleaning and disinfecting practices as described in the COVID-19 General Operational Guidance. • The organizer must have plans for a rapid response if an attendee becomes symptomatic while onsite. For more information on what plans must include, see the General Operational Guidance. • Any attendee who becomes symptomatic during the event must remain in their vehicle, or be asked to return to their vehicle, and leave the event immediately. Vehicles must be parked in a fashion that facilitates the ability for emergency exit.
<p>Shared Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate or reduce the number of items that must be handled by multiple people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This includes programs, flyers, handouts, promotional items, prizes and serving trays. ○ Consider using email or websites to communicate event information. • Any items that must be shared between occupants of more than one vehicle must be appropriately cleaned and disinfected by staff between each use. • Staff must perform hand hygiene before and after handling a shared item.
<p>Entertainment and Performances</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the event involves a live performance, organizers must follow the Guidance for Performing Arts. • Schedule shorter performance times (e.g., 90-120 minutes) to reduce demands for washrooms. Avoid “intermissions” to discourage collective washroom breaks. • Have performers remind attendees of public health expectations during their performance (e.g., stay in your vehicle, maintain distancing during washroom breaks).
<p>Drive-in Graduations and Celebratory Outdoor Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An outdoor graduation ceremony can occur with a drive-in audience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People participating in the graduation ceremony, including students, professors, administrative staff and parents are considered as performers and are limited to groups of 10 on stage at one time. ○ Performers/participants must maintain 2 metres distance from one another at all times.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Multiple groups of 10 can take part in the ceremony, as long as there is always 2 metres distance maintained between groups and the groups do not interact (i.e., one group of 10 on stage at one time).○ Up to 10 people can be in an outdoor audience outside of a vehicle. Members of this audience must stay 2 metres apart from other spectators who are not part of their household, and from participants, at all times.○ All other audience members must remain in their vehicles, except to use the washroom.● Weddings and funerals can have a drive-in component so long as the organizer, and any attendee who is not attending in a vehicle, follows the Guidance for Weddings and Funerals.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All individuals who attend these events in vehicles must remain in their vehicles, except to use the washroom.○ There can be no interaction between in-person attendees and the people attending in vehicles, and individuals in these groups must stay 2 metres apart at all times.● Organizers should establish mechanisms to ensure:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Individuals do not leave their vehicles to join the in-person component of the event, or vice versa.○ Enhance cleaning and disinfection of washrooms shared by in-person participants, spectators, and drive-in participants.○ Provide sufficient hand hygiene provisions (hand sanitizer or hand washing stations).○ Ensure physical distancing (i.e., when attendees enter and exit the event).
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This document and the guidance within it is subject to change and will be updated as needed.

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