Recommendations for Local Community Events and Mass Gatherings

At this time, there is preliminary evidence of community spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). These guidelines are meant to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and decrease the danger to the public from this disease. This guidance is intended for private and local organizations and community partners in Anne Arundel County. The purpose of this guidance is to educate event organizers on how to prevent and prepare for COVID-19, and to make recommendations to reduce and prevent community level spread. Your cooperation is a key part of protecting the health of our communities. To that end, we recommending the following for gatherings scheduled through the end of April:

- Postpone or cancel public gatherings that meet ANY of the following criteria:
  - Targeted towards or comprised of significant numbers of high-risk individuals (elderly who are 60+, chronic illness, homeless)
  - That cannot provide at least 6 feet of space between attendees
  - When alternative methods of meeting the gathering’s goals are available (e.g. live streaming)
  - That are not time sensitive

- For public gatherings that do go forward we strongly recommend that you meet ALL these criteria:
  - Provide at least 6 feet of space between attendees
  - Make handwashing stations (with soap and water) and/or hand sanitizer readily available, especially in food consumption areas.
  - Utilize [signage that promotes handwashing](https://example.com)
  - Consider live streaming or recording of events so they are available for viewing for those who can’t/shouldn’t attend in person
  - Encourage all participants who are sick (cough, shortness of breath, or fever) not to attend
  - Encourage participants to cover their coughs and sneezes and to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth.
  - Clean frequently touched surfaces.
  - Develop flexible refund policies and re-ticketing options.
Additional Information:

**CDC Resources**
- [What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)](#)
- [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)
- [What to do if you are sick with COVID-19](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations](#)
- [Interim CDC Guidance for Mass Gatherings and Community Events](#)