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Requirements and Recommendations for Large Events and Public Gatherings

Governor Kate Brown has ordered the implementation of community social distancing measures prohibiting large gatherings. The Governor's order applies to gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational activities. A mass gathering is a planned or spontaneous event with 250 or more people in attendance, such as concerts, festivals, conferences, worship services, and sporting events, and any similar events or activities, if a distance of at least three (3) feet between individuals cannot be maintained. This does not apply to school attendance, businesses, grocery and retail stores.

Oregon State Agencies

Be aware of large events happening in your buildings.

Check with appropriate staff about planned training, conferences, and other gatherings happening in your buildings. Ask how many people are expected to attend and assist in preparation and decision-making for canceling events with 250 or more attendees. You may consider breaking a large gathering into smaller events.

Local Public Health Authorities

Be aware of large events happening in your jurisdiction.

Events or large gatherings, such as concerts, festivals, sporting events, and worship services create environments where a virus can spread quickly among event workers and attendees. You will need to modify, postpone, or cancel your events through April 8.

You have an event coming up. What should you do?

- All large events with 250 or more attendees that cannot accommodate web-based attendance should be canceled or rescheduled.
- Web-based attendance
- Televised only (no audience)
- Other remote attendance options
- Communicate to your staff and attendees that the event is canceled and why
- Consider how you might reimburse attendees

We know it is hard to cancel events that you have been planning for a long time. However, social distancing measures, such as canceling or postponing mass gatherings of 250 or more attendees, reduce opportunities for person-to-person virus transmission and can help delay and slow the spread of the disease as well as save lives. We appreciate your help in this effort.