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Guidance for Organizations With Prohibited Large Events and Public Gatherings

Governor Kate Brown has ordered the implementation of community social distancing measures prohibiting large gatherings. This order applies to gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational activities. A large gathering is a planned or spontaneous event with 25 or more people in attendance, such as concerts, festivals, conferences, worship services, and sporting events, and any similar events or activities. This does not apply to health care facilities, child care facilities, emergency response facilities, essential school-based food programs, workplaces, grocery stores, pharmacies and retail stores. Oregonians are also urged to avoid gatherings of more than 10 people.

Guidance for community and faith-based organizations

- Implement social distancing measures:
 - Reduce activities (e.g., group congregation, religious services), especially for organizations with individuals at increased risk of severe illness* (see page 2).
 - Consider offering video/audio of events.
- Determine ways to continue providing support services to individuals at increased risk of severe disease (services, meals, checking in, etc.) while limiting group settings and exposures.
- All large events with 25 or more attendees that cannot accommodate web-based attendance should be canceled or rescheduled.
- When holding smaller gatherings, consider ways to help prevent spread of COVID-19:
 - If someone is sick or has a family member sick with symptoms resembling the flu or coronavirus, they should stay home.
 - Thoroughly clean the facility, including the nursery and children's areas, seating areas, songbooks, sacred texts, etc.
 - Provide hand sanitizer stations (at least 60% alcohol content) throughout the facility.
 - Discontinue traditional practices that involve passing a server or sharing a common cup; identify alternative options for these practices.
 - Offer options for online giving or place offering baskets in a location rather than passing items from person to person.
 - Consider alternatives for face-to-face meetings and appointments such as phone and online options.

- For vulnerable people such as those with underlying conditions* (see page 2) and older adults, cancel gatherings of more than 10 people.

* Underlying medical conditions that may increase the risk of serious COVID-19 for individuals of any age.

- Blood disorders (e.g., sickle cell disease or on blood thinners)
- Chronic kidney disease as defined by your doctor. Patient has been told to avoid or reduce the dose of medications because of kidney disease, or is under treatment for kidney disease, including receiving dialysis.
- Chronic liver disease as defined by your doctor. (e.g., cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis). Patient has been told to avoid or reduce the dose of medications because of liver disease or is under treatment for liver disease.
- Compromised immune system (immunosuppression) (e.g., cancer treatment such as chemotherapy or radiation, receiving an organ or bone marrow transplant, taking high doses of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressant medications, HIV with a CD4 count <200)
- Current or recent pregnancy in the last two weeks
- Endocrine disorders (e.g., diabetes mellitus)
- Metabolic disorders (such as inherited metabolic disorders and mitochondrial disorders)
- Heart disease (such as congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease)
- Lung disease including asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (chronic bronchitis or emphysema) or other chronic conditions associated with impaired lung function or that require home oxygen
- Neurological and neurologic and neurodevelopment conditions [including disorders of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerve, and muscle such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy (seizure disorders), stroke, intellectual disability, moderate to severe developmental delay, muscular dystrophy, or spinal cord injury].