



Additional Guidance on Gatherings and Events

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To reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to maintain healthy operations, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends avoiding large or small events or gatherings (e.g., concerts, shows, weddings, and meetings) where individuals cannot maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet.

As tribes and tribally licensed gaming facilities consider, plan, and hold events and gatherings, the NIGC recommends utilizing the resources and checklists the CDC offers to enhance individual and community protections and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Event planners and officials can determine, in collaboration with tribal regulatory authorities, whether and how to implement these considerations, with adjustments to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community.

Because the transmission rate of COVID-19 varies widely by community, this guidance does not replace tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which events and gatherings must comply. Moreover, operators and tribal regulatory authorities should continue to monitor and assess whether to postpone, cancel, or significantly reduce attendance due to shifting public health and safety risks. The NIGC continues to encourage collaboration with state and local health officials when assessing local conditions and needs.

The CDC offers readiness, planning tools to share ways event planners, and administrators may help protect staff and attendees and slow the spread of COVID-19. Information from the CDC on Events and Gatherings can be found at:

- Events and Gatherings – Readiness and Planning Tool:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/COVID19-events-gatherings-readiness-and-planning-tool.pdf>
- Considerations for Events and Gatherings:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>
- Considerations for Casinos and Gaming Operations:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/business-employers/casinos-gaming-operations.html>

NIGC Guidance Regarding COVID-19 can be found on our webpage at <https://www.nigc.gov/commission>.