

MI SAFE START: SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Guidelines for all phases, social gatherings:

Scaling Up

- Individuals should maintain communication with tribal, local and state authorities to determine current contact tracing protocol, local mitigation levels, or local reengagement phase for your community, as described in the [MI Safe Start](#) plan.
- When in groups of any size, strongly consider special accommodations for individuals who are members of an at-risk population. Members of households with at-risk residents should be aware that by interacting with groups where distancing is not possible, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from at-risk residents.
- Individuals from higher transmission areas should, whenever feasible, eliminate travel to lower transmission areas and vice versa.

Safety Actions

- Continue to practice good hygiene. Hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and use of a cloth face covering by individuals when near others is of utmost importance.
- Continue social distancing when feasible, maintaining a physical separation of six feet between individuals from different households.
- Be mindful of how to stop the spread of COVID-19, properly wash hands, promote everyday protective measures, and properly wear a face covering.

Cleaning, Disinfection, Ventilation

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces prior to using (for example, picnic tables, seating areas, food preparation areas) and shared objects (for example, sports equipment, binoculars, electronic devices) between use by members of different households. Use products that meet [EPA's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2](#) and that are appropriate for the surface. Prior to wiping the surface, allow the disinfectant to sit for the necessary contact time recommended by the manufacturer.
- Avoid using or sharing items such as glassware, utensils, condiments, and any food with individuals from outside your household.
- If available, utilize no-touch trash cans and automatic doors.
- Use touchless payment options as much as possible, when available.
- Use gloves when handling and disposing of trash from a group gathering and wash hands afterwards.
- Avoid using food and beverage containers or utensils brought by individuals outside your household.

- When indoors, increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible such as by opening windows and doors. Do not open windows and doors if doing so poses a safety risk to any individuals.

Monitoring

- Consider conducting daily self-health checks (e.g., temperature and symptom screening) before interacting with members outside your household.
- If you or any member of your household is sick, stay at home.

Closing

- Be prepared for the temporary closing of public facilities if there is a case of COVID-19 in the establishment or if cases increase in the local area.

Phase 3 guidelines for social gatherings:

- Cancel gatherings of any size (this does not include household contacts).
- Individuals who are members of an at-risk population should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with at-risk residents should be aware that by interacting with groups where distancing is not possible, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from at-risk residents.
- Ensure strict social distancing.
- Minimize non-essential travel.
- Visits to senior living facilities and hospitals are prohibited. Individuals who must interact with residents and patients must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene.
- Large venues such as theatres and sporting venues should remain closed.

Phase 4 guidelines for social gatherings:

- Limit the size of in person gatherings in accordance with the guidance and directives of state and local authorities while maintaining social distancing.
- Cancel gatherings of any size where distancing cannot be maintained (this does not include household contacts).
- Individuals who are members of an at-risk population should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with at-risk residents should be aware that by interacting with groups where distancing is not possible, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from at-risk residents.
- All individuals, when in public (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), should maximize physical distance from others and ensure social distancing measures.
- Minimize non-essential travel.



- Visits to senior living facilities and hospitals are prohibited. Individuals who must interact with residents and patients must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene.
- Large venues such as theatres and sporting venues should remain closed.

Phase 5 guidelines for social gatherings:

- Limit the size of in person gatherings in accordance with the guidance and directives of state and local authorities while maintaining social distancing.
- Cancel gatherings of any size where distancing cannot be maintained (this does not include household contacts).
- Individuals who are members of an at-risk population should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with at-risk residents should be aware that by interacting with groups where distancing is not possible, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from at-risk residents.
- All individuals, when in public (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), should maximize physical distance from others and ensure social distancing measures.
- Non-essential travel is allowed.
- Visits to senior living facilities and hospitals are prohibited. Individuals who must interact with residents and patients must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene.
- Large venues such as theatres and sporting venues can operate under social distancing protocols.

Phase late-5 guidelines for social gatherings:

- Low risk individuals should consider minimizing time spent in crowded environments.
- At-risk individuals can resume public interactions. When in groups of any size, strongly consider special accommodations for individuals who are members of an at-risk population. Members of households with at-risk residents should be aware that by interacting with groups where distancing is not possible, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from at-risk residents.
- Non-essential travel is allowed.
- Visits to senior care facilities and hospitals can resume. Those who interact with residents and patients must be diligent regarding hygiene.
- Large venues such as theatres and sporting venues can operate with enhanced sanitation protocols, active and extensive promotion of good hygiene practices to attendees and employees and encourage face-coverings for attendees and employees.