ARE WE PLANNING A SOCIAL GATHERING OR AN EVENT/ACTIVITY?

Important Definitions:

Social Gatherings: This includes parties, events where alcohol may be served, socials, family/parent weekends, dances and similar activities with unstructured mingling.

Events/Activities: Gatherings that are structured around a specific program, practice, or agenda with social distancing and mask-wearing protocols strictly enforced and where unstructured mingling does not occur.

On-Campus Social Gatherings

On-campus social gatherings are permitted within the university’s current guidelines for social gatherings as follows:

- Limited to a maximum of 10 participants indoors and 25 participants outdoors.
- Attendees must wear masks, use social distancing and limit physical contact by maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet or more from people who don’t live in your household.
- Some social gatherings are prohibited on and off-campus until further notice. These include parties, events with alcohol, socials, family/parent weekends, dances, and similar activities that may have unstructured mingling.

Off-Campus Social Gatherings - Moratorium Extended

UM will keep the moratorium on off-campus parties and social gatherings in place for now. Any and all changes to this moratorium will be communicated to RSOs as soon as possible.

Examples of such events and activities include committee meetings, sport club practices, meetings of a group or organization, new member formal initiations, philanthropic events, service events, sister/brotherhood activities, seminars, lectures or study groups.

These events will be limited to the protocol-adjusted capacity of the rooms and spaces in which they are held along with the following parameters:

- at least 6 feet of distance between attendees,
- mandatory mask wearing for all participants and
- a point person for the event to ensure protocol compliance.

Food service at these events is discouraged for now, although it could be offered with the proper protocols in place.

On-Campus Events/Activities

Organizational meetings, practices, committee meetings and other structured events and activities that don’t involve unstructured mingling are permitted.

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- These events will be limited to the protocol-adjusted capacity of the rooms and spaces in which they are held along with the following parameters:
  - at least 6 feet of distance between attendees,
  - mandatory mask wearing for all participants and
  - a point person for the event to ensure protocol compliance.

Food service at these events is discouraged for now, although it could be offered with the proper protocols in place.

Off-Campus Events/Activities

Organizational meetings, committee meetings and other structured events and activities sponsored by academic and administrative units or registered student organizations (RSO) to be held off campus must be submitted for review and approval.

- All aforementioned functions must be registered in The ForUM (olemiss.edu/forum) 15 business days in advance, regardless of how many participants or whether it will take place on campus or off campus.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A PROGRAM FOR YOUR STUDENT ORGANIZATION UNDER THE UNIVERSITY’S NEW GUIDELINES FOR EVENTS.