

REQUIREMENTS FOR ON CAMPUS EVENTS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All on campus extracurricular activities must meet these requirements listed for the [current positivity rate threshold](#).

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Social distancing must be maintained at all times (indoors and outdoors).
- **CAPACITY:** Must adhere to COVID capacity limitations and regulations currently in effect for that space or venue.
- **MASKS:** Cloth face coverings or masks required at all times except when actively drinking or eating (indoors and outdoors). Note that having a drink in hand does not permit attendees to not wear a mask.
- **FOOD:**
 - Lower Risk Requirement: Food allowed if served while seated and adhering to dining restrictions.
 - Moderate Risk Requirement: Food services Grab and Leave only. Food must be made available only at end of activity for attendees to grab and then leave the venue/area to discourage mingling.
- **EVENT MONITORS:** Minimum of three designated Event Monitors must be present.
- **ATTENDEE LIST:** Attendee list provided to OMSU or FSL at least seven days in advance. Students at UM will be scheduled for asymptomatic testing based on this list.
 - Off-campus guests (family, friends, parents, etc.) are also allowed to attend RSO events and must be put on their own list that is managed by the RSO. Testing is not required for off-campus guests.
- **REGISTRATION:** Activities must be registered in [ForUM](#) 15 business days in advance. See [Event Registration information](#). In addition, the OMSU has a helpful [event checklist](#) to help RSOs plan successful events.
- **VIRTUAL COMPONENTS:** Organizations MUST still provide a virtual component for organization members who are not able/do not feel comfortable attending events in-person if the event is required for members. You may not require members who do not feel comfortable attending an in-person program to attend.

REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-UNIVERSITY-MANAGED VENUES

All activities in non-university-managed venues, must meet these requirements listed for the [current positivity rate threshold](#).

- **EVENT MONITORS:** Minimum of three designated Event Monitors must be present.
- **ATTENDEE LIST:** Attendee list provided to OMSU or FSL at least seven days in advance. Students at UM will be scheduled for asymptomatic testing based on this list.
 - Off-campus guests (family, friends, parents, etc.) are also allowed to attend RSO events and must be put on their own list that is managed by the RSO. Testing is not required for off-campus guests.
- **REGISTRATION:** Activities must be registered in [ForUM](#) 15 business days in advance. See [Event Registration information](#). In addition, the OMSU has a helpful [event checklist](#) to help RSOs plan successful events.
- **TESTING:**
 - Lower Risk Requirement: 10% of attendees must go through Asymptomatic Testing Program the week of activity. If an outbreak is tied back to an event, the university may conduct additional testing. Testing is offered Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

- Moderate Risk Requirement: 20% of attendees must go through Asymptomatic Testing Program the week of activity. If an outbreak is tied back to an event, the university may conduct additional testing. Testing is offered Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- The testing requirement does not apply to:
 - Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days. These individuals can submit documentation of positive result from a healthcare provider or facility to: [Proof of Positive for Asymptomatic Testing Program](#). Individuals should submit via the link even if they have previously provided a positive test result to Student Health Services.
 - At this time, we cannot accept a Positive Antibody Test as an exemption from testing. CDC guidance states that a Positive Antibody Test should not be used for decisions on returning to work or grouping people together. Until more about immunity is known, the university will continue to follow CDC and MSDH recommendations of showing proof of a PCR or Rapid Antigen positive test within the past 90 days.
- If any invitee refuses to get tested, the gathering will not take place.
- Students with positive test results cannot participate in the scheduled gathering. Any student who receives a positive test result must isolate and participate in contact tracing. If the positive individual refuses to name contacts, the gathering will not be allowed to take place.
- **VENUES:** Non-university-managed venues must be reviewed and approved by the Gertrude C. Ford Ole Miss Student Union or Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- **CAPACITY:**
 - Lower Risk Requirement: Maximum attendees capped at 250 regardless of COVID capacity of space. Organizations can schedule up to two shifts of maximum attendee capacity.
 - A separate RSVP list must be submitted for each shift, denoting the arrival and departure time for each shift.
 - Strict adherence to attendees' assigned shifts is expected, as it timely arrival and departure.
 - Adequate time (30 minutes minimum) must be allotted between shifts for cleaning, sanitization, and air circulation before a subsequent shift can begin.
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- **TRANSPORTATION:**
 - Transportation should follow travel guidelines that include 50% bus capacity with masks required at all times.
 - If group transportation is not provided, those riding in vehicles should travel only with those in their social pod.
 - At this time, group travel outside Lafayette County is prohibited unless a waiver is obtained through the Event Registration process.
- **VIRTUAL COMPONENTS:** Organizations MUST still provide a virtual component for organization members who are not able/do not feel comfortable attending events in-person if the event is required for members. You may not require members who do not feel comfortable attending an in-person program to attend.

All events are subject to approval and changes may occur based on our positivity rate. Any violations of the parameters and requirements associated with registered and approved social gatherings will be subject to sanctions from the Office of Conflict Resolution & Student Conduct.

RESOURCES FOR RSOs

- [Activity and Events Framework, Spring 2021](#)
- [OMSU Event Registration Resource Page](#)
- [Registered Student Organization COVID-19 Event Planning Checklist](#)
- [Executive and local orders currently in effect](#) for Mississippi and the City of Oxford
- Questions? Contact the OMSU Leadership & Engagement Team at getinvolved@olemiss.edu.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR ACTIVITIES BASED ON CDC GUIDANCE

- The more people an individual interacts with at a gathering and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the potential risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 and COVID-19 spreading.
- The higher the level of community transmission in the area that the gathering is being held, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spreading during a gathering.
- Community mitigation strategies should be layered upon one another and used at the same time—with several layers of safeguards to reduce the spread of disease and lower the risk of another spike in cases and deaths. No one strategy is sufficient.
- Mitigation strategies can be scaled up or down, depending on the evolving local situation, and what is feasible, practical, and legal in a jurisdiction. Any signs of a cluster of new cases or a reemergence of broader community transmission should result in a re-evaluation of community mitigation strategies and a decision on whether and how mitigation might need to change.

INFORMATION REGARDING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AND RSO EVENTS:

Students who have been fully vaccinated may submit proof of vaccination instead of going to asymptomatic testing. This should be submitted with the organization's guest list and indicated on the list. Please understand that the Asymptomatic Testing Committee has voted on the following clarifications.

Being fully vaccinated means the following have been met:

1. One has received either both doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the single dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.
2. It has been a minimum of two weeks since either the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the single dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine has been administered.

All of the vaccines currently under Emergency Use Authorization by the FDA, only produce a harmless piece of SARS-CoV-2. This piece is known as a spike protein, and it is only found on the surface of the virus. It is not possible for these vaccines to cause one to test positive. For more information on this, please check out [Dr. Joshua Sharp's informational video](#) on how the mRNA vaccines work or check out [this info from the CDC](#).

Check out additional information on [UM's main COVID-19 webpage](#) that may be helpful to you regarding the vaccine.