

## What to know about

## Hosting Large Events

The County of SLO Public Health Department has released new guidance summarizing requirements and recommendations for hosting indoor and outdoor large events in San Luis Obispo County. Large events are gatherings of many people from multiple households in a private or public space and are often planned events. [CDPH Guidance for Mega Events](#) is still in effect for events with over 1,000 attendees indoors or over 10,000 attendees outdoors. This does not mean other large events do not come with risks. These recommendations are meant to support safer gatherings. See [full guidance at EmergencySLO.org](https://www.emergencySLO.org).

- ✓ **Examples of large events** include sporting events, rallies, receptions, parties, fundraisers, conventions, parades, expos, festivals, concerts, and other performances. (These are not informal gatherings among known family, friends, and associates.)
- ✓ **Several factors affect the safety of an event.** Outdoor settings are generally safer than indoor settings. Other factors include the vaccination status of attendees and staff, the number of people moving around and interacting, the ability to maintain physical distance, whether people are wearing masks, sufficient indoor ventilation, and the duration of the event.
- ✓ **Masks are required indoors** for all individuals, vaccinated or not vaccinated. For outdoor events, masks must be worn in indoors areas, such as restrooms and retail shops.
- ✓ **Maximize ventilation** indoors by upgrading the building's air filters or opening windows and doors.
- ✓ **Verification of fully vaccinated status or pre-entry negative test result** is required of attendees of indoor Mega Events, and recommended as a best practice for other large events. Self-attestation is not an acceptable means of verification.
- ✓ **Requirements for employees are different than those for attendees.** Employers must follow the [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards \(ETS\)](#).
- ✓ **Screen guests, staff, performers, and crew** for symptoms before they attend the event and inform them not to attend if they have any [symptom of COVID-19](#), regardless of their vaccination status.
- ✓ **Communicate in advance to attendees** about vaccination verification, testing, face mask requirements, and other safety plans. Also convey the risk of attending large events for those not currently be eligible for vaccination or whose vaccine protection may be incomplete (such as those who are immunocompromised).