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## **SUBMITTAL GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS**

On July 2, 2020, Governor Abbot issued an updated Executive Order GA-28 effective 12:01 p.m. July 3, 2020. Among the provisions in the Order is a requirement that any outdoor gathering *in excess of 10 people is prohibited unless the Mayor of the City in which the gathering is held approves of the gathering.* **The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.**

*All individuals must wear a face covering (over the nose and mouth) wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another individual not in the same household or, for those engaging in physical activities outdoors, wherever the individual is not able to maintain a safe physical distance from others not in the same household.* The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all outdoor events in Fair Oaks Ranch. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that the Mayor or City may adopt. Adoption of additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans is encouraged by Texas Department of State Health Services.

**Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation.** Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization.

### **Health protocols for individuals**

- **Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within 6 feet with individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible. Large gatherings, even those held outside, pose a significant risk to this population.**
- Individuals may not be in a group larger than 10 individuals (including those within the individual's household). Within these groups, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize in-person contact with others not in the individual's household. Minimizing in-person contact includes maintaining 6 feet of separation from individuals. When maintaining 6 feet of separation is not feasible, other methods should be utilized to slow the spread of COVID-19, such as washing or sanitizing hand frequently, and avoiding sharing utensils or other common objects.
- **Individuals should maintain 6 feet of separation from others outside the individual's group. A group is defined as no more than 10 persons including the members of the household and those persons who traveled together to the event.**
- Self-screen before going to an outdoor event for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:  
**Cough, Headache, Shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing, Chills, Repeated shaking with chills, Muscle pain, Sore Throat, Loss of taste or smell, Diarrhea, Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, or Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19.**
- Wash or disinfect hands after any interaction with individuals or items at the outdoor event.
- Clean and sanitize all items before and after use.

**Mayor's approval factors**

In evaluating large gatherings (those with an estimated attendance exceeding 10 individuals), the Mayor will consider several factors. Accordingly, the following information must be filled in and submitted to [mayor@fairoaksranchtx.org](mailto:mayor@fairoaksranchtx.org) or dropped off at City Hall 10 business days prior to the event:

- 1. Submitter's name and email: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Location of event (Attach proof of approval from property owner):  
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- 3. Date and hours of event: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. The overall number of projected attendees: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. The number of individuals over the age of 65 attending: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. The density of the forum and the ability to ensure social distancing of 6 feet between individuals:  
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- 7. The required, if any, city staff time and potential risk of exposure to COVID-19:  
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- 8. The level of transmission in the city and surrounding areas (as determined by the EOC Director):  
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- 9. The purpose of event requiring outdoor gathering:  
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\*\*\*\*\*Office Use Only\*\*\*\*\*

Date Submittal Received by EOC Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Date EOC Recommendation Due to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation of EOC: Approve Disapprove

Reason for Disapproval:  
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Date Submittal Returned to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Mayor has the final decision on approving or disapproving the outdoor gathering**

- Local approval for large outdoor gatherings (those with an estimated attendance exceeding 10 individuals) is appropriate in this instance because a statewide standard is unable to take into account the various factors needed to ensure such a gathering in varied locations is safe and will minimize the spread of COVID-19. Further, business parity is not an issue at large outdoor events.
- Not Approved