Interim Guidance for Drive-Ins  
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Guidelines for Conducting Business: Any scenario in which many people gather together poses a risk for COVID-19 transmission. All organizations and programs that gather groups of people should create and implement a plan to minimize the opportunity for COVID-19 transmission. The guidance below will help drive-in events to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Requirements

Under the current Executive Order, outdoor mass gatherings are limited to no more than 50 individuals. Events where ALL participants stay within their cars—such as a drive-in movie theater—are exempt from this limit IF each of the requirements below are met:

- All guests stay within or on their vehicles throughout the event.
- Event staff wear cloth face coverings at all times.
- Guests at the event wear a cloth face covering when they are outside of their vehicle, such as when using the restroom.
- Event sponsors follow the NCDHHS Guidance for Indoor and Outdoor Small & Medium Size Venue Settings, as appropriate. Including protocols for cleaning and hygiene, monitoring for symptoms, protecting vulnerable populations, and combatting misinformation.

Recommendations

- Event sponsors close concession stands and merchandise to reduce congregating. If open, consider delivery, online ordering or other alternative methods to avoid crowds gathering.