



RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL GATHERING TIPS

One of the most effective ways to avoid the spread of COVID-19 is not hosting or attending social gatherings. If you do find yourself in a social situation, please be sure to consider the following:

- As of August 2020, Larimer County and the City of Fort Collins expect groups to be 10 or less. How will you and your friends meet this expectation?
- Masks are a proven way to curb the spread of COVID-19 and should always be worn at social gatherings – no matter how many people are present. Do you have a personal mask and enough masks for everyone that you are hanging out with? All guests should be wearing a mask and maintaining a 6 foot distance between each other.
- Clean before, during, and after your social situation using disinfectants. How will you and roommates split the cost of extra cleaning supplies? How will you divide the extra cleaning responsibilities?
- Contact tracing is required and expected from the health department in case of an outbreak. Do you and your friends have a plan for documenting who is present at the gathering? You will be expected to provide this list to officials immediately if someone who has COVID-19 attends your gathering.
- Being outdoors is recommended. Plan to manage noise levels. 10 or less people can still generate a lot of noise and impact neighbors.
- Do you have enough soap, water and hand sanitizer for you and your friends? How will you and others maintain good hygiene?
- Bringing your own food and drinks to a social situation is recommended. How will you ensure that people are not sharing snacks, drinks, smoking or vaping devices?
- Maintaining a 6ft distance between you and your friends is another measure you should take to curb the spread of the virus. Have you determined how you will ensure that people are maintaining this? This gets harder to determine as people start to drink alcohol or use marijuana and their ability to assess the risk of infection decreases. Have a plan for how you will make sure people are maintaining a 6ft distance while you are being social.
- Are your friends practicing social distancing regularly? How do you know? Make sure you have a small group of friends who are committed to only hanging out together and avoid hanging out with people that you do not know.
- Loud music forces people to elevate their voices to hear each other. This makes it more difficult to maintain 6 ft of physical distancing, speak through a mask or take other public health measures. Consider turning down the volume so you and your friends do not have to yell.
- If you are concerned that you have been exposed to COVID-19 because of your party or another larger gathering, go get tested. Testing information can be found at [covidrecovery.colostate.edu](https://www.covidrecovery.colostate.edu).