COVID-19 Mass Gathering Guidance

As the COVID-19 outbreak evolves across the United States, the Oklahoma Department of Health (OSDH) strongly encourages event organizers, staff and attendees to prepare for the possibility of outbreaks in their communities.

If you are planning to attend a large public event, please check with the event organizers for information in case the event is postponed or cancelled. We strongly recommend that people do not attend events if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. And if event attendees start to experience symptoms while at an event or conference, they should leave the event and seek medical advice promptly by calling ahead to a doctor’s office.

The OSDH and its many public health partners work to provide the general public, including event organizers, with guidance intended to help prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19. The following is recommended guidance to follow at all times as the outbreak spreads across our communities.

PREVENTION

Please continue to focus on prevention:

• Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
• Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
• Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
• Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

SYMPTOMS

Please be aware of the symptoms of COVID-19. For confirmed COVID-19 infections, reported illnesses have ranged from people being mildly sick to people being severely ill. Symptoms can include:

• Fever (100.4 or higher)
• Cough
• Shortness of breath

Please note, the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) encourages anyone who is experiencing flu-like symptoms, to self-quarantine for 14 days and report any concerning symptoms to a health care provider or call the OSDH Call Center at 877-215-8336.

The OSDH regularly updates the Oklahoma-specific COVID-19 website found at https://coronavirus@health.ok.gov.