

City of Bellaire

City Manager's Office

City of Bellaire Event Guidelines and Considerations During COVID-19

If a department or board or commission, Community Partner, organization or resident is considering hosting an in-person, outdoor event, please review the following guidelines and considerations:

1. Is it possible for the event to happen under the current State/County/CDC guidelines as requested?
2. Is it possible to modify the event to conform to guidelines?
3. Is it possible for a virtual event alternative?

If a department or board or commission, Community Partner, organization or resident wishes to move forward with hosting an in-person, outdoor gathering in the City of Bellaire larger than 10 people, outside of the guidelines below, you must seek approval from the Mayor as per Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order GA-30. To do this, please bring your event plans forward to the Communications and Special Events Team. The request will be communicated with the Mayor and Interim City Manager. You may submit this in writing by email to Cheryl Bright, Community Relations Administrator cbright@bellairetx.gov. You will be informed of approval status once reviewed by the Mayor and Interim City Manager.

Approval of any outdoor event larger than 10 people is contingent upon GA-30 and the Mayor's authority and any restrictions in place. Nothing supersedes or suspends these requirements. Not following these guidelines or hosting an unapproved event will result in revocation of approval or enforcement action against unapproved event.

Below are the current State, County, and CDC guidelines regarding hosting in-person events such as outdoor gatherings larger than 10 people.

State of Texas:

The event must meet the guidelines set forth by Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order GA-30 related to the targeted response to the reopening of Texas regarding COVID-19

Paragraph 6 - For any outdoor gathering in excess of 10 people, other than those set forth above in paragraph numbers 1, 2, or 4, the gathering is prohibited unless the Mayor of the city in which the gathering is held, or the county judge in the case of a gathering in an unincorporated area, approves of the gathering, and such approval can be made subject to certain conditions or restrictions not inconsistent with this executive order.

For information regarding paragraphs 1, 2, or 4 of this Executive Order, please click on the link to the order below.
[Executive Order GA-30](#)

[Minimum Standard Health Protocols for Approved Outdoor Events in Texas](#)

October 1, 2020

Harris County:

On Thursday, June 11th, Harris County announced a new [color-coded system](#) to inform residents regarding the current level of risk from COVID-19 and actions residents are strongly urged to take to stay healthy, save lives, and ensure our local economy recovers in a way that is sustainable over the long term.

Harris County is currently at Level 1 Red -Stay Home - Minimize contact with others wherever possible and avoid leaving home except for essential needs. Practice social distancing and use face coverings.

[Harris County Threat Level Matrix](#)

CDC Guidelines:

As some communities in the United States begin to plan and hold events and gatherings, the CDC offers the following considerations for enhancing the protection of individuals and communities and preventing the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Event planners and officials can determine, in collaboration with state and local health officials, whether and how to implement these considerations, making adjustments to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community. Because COVID-19 virus circulation varies in communities, these considerations are meant to supplement—**not replace**—any state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which gatherings must comply. Organizers should continue to assess, based on current conditions, whether to postpone, cancel, or significantly reduce the number of attendees for gatherings.

[CDC - Considerations for Events and Gatherings](#)

[CDC - COVID 19 Events Gatherings Readiness and Planning Tool](#)

This process will be re-evaluated as the state, county, and CDC guidelines change with COVID-19 developments.

Please read the attached **City of Bellaire Safety Protocol Guidelines for Planning an Event During COVID-19** and submit the requested documentation.

I have read and understood these guidelines. I agree that the proposed event meets with these guidelines and I have submitted the required COVID-19 safety plan for the event.

Name and Organization

Date

October 1, 2020