

Sacramento County COVID-19 Mega Event Application

Background

COVID-19, also known as the novel coronavirus, is a respiratory illness that is spread through the air via respiratory droplets from an infected person or by touching contaminated surfaces.

COVID-19 in the Community

On June 15, 2021, California reopened the economy and moved beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. All sectors listed on the [Blueprint Activities and Business Tier Chart](#) returned to usual operations.

However, COVID-19 is still causing illness and hospitalizations in Sacramento County. Variants of COVID-19 continue to pose a significant risk.

Vaccinations, sanitation measures and face coverings have helped reduce the spread of COVID-19, but businesses and customers need to remain vigilant.

Mega Event

Large events involve several factors that increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission because

- ✓ Participants and attendees are spending extensive periods of time physically close to large numbers of people they don't usually interact with,
- ✓ The frequency and total duration of close contact between attendees is increased,
- ✓ The event draws from beyond the nearby community and will often draw attendees and participants from other states and countries who may be infected with more infectious COVID-19 variants, and
- ✓ Effective contact tracing may be difficult given the number of potentially uncontrolled mixing between groups and attendees among individuals who are unlikely to be together again and the nature of the events.

Mega Events are defined as events drawing greater than **1,000 (indoors) and 10,000 (outdoors)** attendees.

Mega Events may have either assigned or unassigned seating, and may be either general admission or gated, ticketed, and permitted events. Mega Events do not include venues such as shopping malls or museums that are open to public circulation as part of their regular operations, except to the extent that such venues host a qualifying event.

CDPH has issued guidelines for Mega Events. For further information, please refer to [CDPH Beyond the Blueprint Guidance](#).

Requirements

Indoor Mega Event (greater than 1,000 attendees): Example: conventions, conference, expos, sporting events and concerts

- Venues should make masks available to attendees upon request.
- Vaccination verification or negative test result is required for **Indoor Mega Events**. Testing must be conducted within one day for antigen tests, and within two days for PCR tests prior to entry into the facility or venue. Children under 2 years of age are exempt from the testing requirement.
- All attendees age 18 and older must provide identification to confirm the individual presenting proof of vaccination or negative test is the attendee entering the facility or venue.
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- Information is prominently placed on all communications, including the reservation and ticketing systems, to ensure guests are aware of testing and vaccination requirements (including acceptable modes of verification).

Outdoor Mega Event (greater than 10,000 attendees): Example: music or food festivals, car shows, large endurance events, marathons, parades, sporting events and concerts.

- Venues should make masks available to attendees upon request.
- If requiring proof of vaccination as recommended by CDPH, attendees age 18 and older must provide identification to confirm the individual presenting proof of vaccination or negative test is the attendee entering the facility or venue. Testing must be conducted within one day for antigen tests, and within two days for PCR tests prior to entry into the facility or venue.
- If implemented, venue and event operators are recommended to not use self-attestation as a mode of verification but rather use verification options for providing proof of vaccination in the [CDPH Vaccine Guidelines and Standards](#).
- Information will be prominently placed on all communications, including the reservation and ticketing systems, to ensure guests are aware that the State strongly recommends that they be fully vaccinated or obtain a negative COVID-19 test prior to attending the event.

For further information, please refer to [CDPH Beyond the Blueprint Guidance](#).

Complete and submit the application prior to holding a Mega Event. Use additional pages as necessary or attach a full plan to the application. The purpose of the application is to ensure the criteria put forth by the State of California has been met and necessary safety precautions have been addressed.

In the unincorporated county: Prior to operating your event, contact the Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER) to verify if you need either a Temporary Use Permit (TUZ) or COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Use Permit (ETUZ). Average Processing time is two weeks upon receipt of a complete application (ETUZs may take longer).

Visit www.Planning.Sacounty.net for further information, or send an inquiry to SacPlan@sacounty.net

In the incorporated cities: Prior to operating your event, contact the applicable city department for permitting, additional requirements and information.

Questions

Thank you for your efforts in keeping Sacramento residents and visitors safe! If you have questions please call EMD at (916) 875-1944.

Resources

[CDPH Beyond the Blueprint Framework](#)

[Sacramento County COVID-19 Information](#)

[CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#)

[Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

[Sacramento County COVID-19 Mega Event Guidance, Beyond the Blueprint](#)

Document was prepared by the Sacramento County [Environmental Management Department](#)

Revision History

10/8/2020: Initial version

12/21/21: Added requirement for universal masking indoors statewide December 15, 2021 through January 15, 2022. Added testing requirement to shorten time from 72 hours from when test result is received before entry to venue/event.

1/10/2022: Lowered threshold for Indoor Mega Event to 500 attendees and Outdoor Mega Events to 5,000 attendees. Removed effective date for requirement to show ID if over 18 for negative test and added 'Sacramento County' to mask mandate as of July 30, 2021. Updated end date for statewide mask mandate to February 15, 2022.

2/16/2022: Updated Mega Events to increase thresholds (1000 for indoor and 10,000 for outdoor). Removed links for Sacramento County Public Health Orders, these have been rescinded.

PHO:

Sacramento County COVID-19 Community Event/Gathering Application

Complete the information below and submit for review to the Environmental Management Department (EMD) by email to EMD-EventApplication@saccounty.net.

Attached additional pages where necessary. Questions may be directed to EMD at (916) 875-1944.

Organization Information

Organization Name: _____ Address: _____

Event Coordinator/Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Property Owner Name/Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Mega Event Logistics Information

Event Name: _____

Location: _____

Indoor Mega Event (greater than 1,000 attendees indoors)

Outdoor Mega Event (greater than 10,000 attendees outdoors)

Event Date(s) including set up/tear down: _____

Event Time (hours the event will be operation): _____

Event Type: (e.g. graduation, religious activity): _____

Will this be a recurring event? Yes No *(If Yes, please list all dates and times)*

Approximate Size/Square Footage of Event Area: _____

Will the event take place on government property either owned or managed by Sacramento County? Yes No

Description of Mega Event Coordination: Complete the sections below describing how the event will meet requirements per the current State of California Beyond the Blueprint Framework requirements (attach additional pages as necessary) for Mega Events. Complete only those sections that apply.

1. Indoor Mega Event (greater than 1,000 attendees indoors):

Describe how the Indoor Mega Event will confirm the attendees are fully vaccinated or show a negative test result:

Describe how/where the Indoor Mega Event will place information to ensure guests are aware of testing and vaccination requirements. This information should include acceptable modes of verification:

Describe how/where the Indoor Mega Event will provide information about face covering requirements and recommendations:

2. Outdoor Mega Event (greater than 10,000 attendees outdoor):

It is recommended to that attendees of Outdoor Mega Events are fully vaccinated or show a negative test result. Will the event confirm vaccination status/negative test result of attendees and if so, how will the event perform this confirmation?

Describe how/where the Outdoor Mega Event will place information to ensure guests are aware of testing and vaccination requirements. This information should include acceptable modes of verification:

3. Indoor and Outdoor Mega Events:

All event locations, both Indoor and Outdoor Mega Events, should provide face coverings for attendees. Describe if the event will provide face coverings and how attendees will know where to go to obtain one:

Map/Diagram

Attach map or diagram of the event. At a minimum, include layout of the event, placement of signage, and entrance/exit location(s). Additional items may be requested to be added to the map/diagram to further aid in the application review.

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Comments/Questions to Applicant
