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Wyandotte County

GUIDANCE ON SOCIAL GATHERINGS

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Unified Government Public Health Department Issues New Recommendations on COVID-19 Precautions for Social Gatherings

On August 25, 2021, the Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) released new guidance on personal or social gatherings to help curb the spread of COVID-19 in Wyandotte County and the Kansas City metro area.

This guidance is issued in response to the recent increase in COVID cases and hospitalizations, as well as the spread of the Delta variant. The UGPHD plans to closely monitor COVID-19 data for Wyandotte County in the coming weeks and reevaluate the gathering guidance in late September of 2021.

Guidance for people who are fully vaccinated

- **Safest: Limit gathering size, and wear masks except when both outdoors and socially distanced.**
 - Outdoor gatherings: Choose outdoor gatherings rather than indoor gatherings when possible. Limit to 25 people. If six feet of social distancing cannot be maintained, wear a mask.
 - Indoor gatherings: Limit to 10 people. Wear a mask and maintain six feet of social distancing.
- Less safe: If you choose to have gatherings larger than the recommended number of people listed above, please continue to wear masks to reduce the risk.
- HIGH RISK: Gathering without masks and without limiting the number of people, particularly if gathering indoors, creates high risk for the spread of COVID-19, especially the Delta variant.

Guidance for people who are not fully vaccinated

- **Safest: At this time, people who are not fully vaccinated are strongly advised to avoid gathering with people who do not live in their household.**
- Moderate risk: If you do choose to gather, please take precautions to reduce the risk of COVID spread.
 - Outdoor gatherings: Choose outdoor gatherings rather than indoor gatherings. Limit to 25 people. Maintain social distancing as much as possible, and please wear a mask if six feet of social distancing will be difficult to maintain the whole time.
 - Indoor gatherings: Avoid indoor gatherings whenever possible. If you do gather indoors, limit it to no more than 10 people, wear a mask at all times, and maintain social distancing.
- HIGH RISK: Gathering without masks and/or with larger numbers of people, particularly if gathering indoors, creates high risk for the spread of COVID-19, especially the Delta variant.

Please note that the guidance above is for personal or social gatherings. It does not apply to healthcare or public health clinics or events where free COVID-19 vaccines or COVID-19 tests will be administered.

At this time, the UGPHD urges caution with large events to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If your business, organization, or group is planning a large event and you would like guidance from the UGPHD on COVID-19 safety for your event, please email epidemiology@wycokck.org or call 913-573-6712.