

Health Department Talking Points for Organizations Preparing for Summer/Fall Events

- We can't predict what the near future will hold, but we will continue to assess summer and fall activities and will communicate updates and changes as the situation evolves.
- What gradual reopening will look like is not yet fully clear, but it will likely mean that summer/fall group activities may not look like they did before.
- Vermont put many steps in place as we began our COVID-19 response in early February 2020.
- We will be able to relax some of those strategies in the days and weeks ahead. Many strategies will likely remain in place, including:
 - cloth masks in public
 - outdoor events (where possible) may generally be preferred over indoor events
 - the size of group gatherings will continue to be restricted
 - partial occupancy may be required for events/programs to allow for social distancing
 - stay home when sick policies will be strongly recommended
 - temperature checks are not sensitive for identifying all cases and we don't know yet whether they will be recommended
- We will continue to monitor and test for COVID-19 to identify any rise in cases during the recovery/reopening.
- The Health Department's focus remains on protecting the health and well-being of all the citizens of Vermont, with a special focus on ensuring health among those who are at higher risk.
- The Health Department will continue testing and contact tracing to find new cases and minimize the spread of COVID-19.
- For updated public health information visit <https://healthvermont.gov/covid19>
- For updated COVID-19 recovery information visit <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19>