Public Health and Safety Procedures for Johnson County Extension Events

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The risk of COVID-19 spreading at events and gatherings increases as follows:

- **Lowest Risk**: Virtual-only activities, events, and gatherings.
  - Smaller outdoor and in-person gatherings in which individuals from different households remain spaced at least 6 feet apart, wear cloth face coverings, do not share objects, and come from the same local area (e.g., community, town, city, etc.)

- **More Risk**: Medium-sized in-person gatherings that are adapted to allow individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and with attendees coming from outside the local area.

- **Higher Risk**: Large in-person gatherings where it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and attendees travel from outside the local area.

**Pre-Event Planning**

- Encourage attendees ahead of the event to bring and use cloth face coverings at the event.
- Encourage attendees to bring their own water to minimize touching and use of water fountains.
- Advise attendees prior to the event that they should not attend if they have symptoms of, a positive test for, or were recently exposed (within 14 days) to COVID-19.

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Healthy Hygiene Practices

Ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene are available.

- Supplies include soap, water, hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, paper towels, tissues, disinfectant wipes, cloth or disposable face coverings (as feasible), and no-touch trash cans.

Room Arrangement

Change seating layout so that people can remain 6 feet apart and limit group size to the extent possible (offer online attendance options in addition to in-person attendance to help reduce the number of attendees).

Appropriate Signage

Post signs to promote protective measures such as socially distancing (6 ft) from others, wearing cloth face coverings in public settings, frequently washing/disinfecting hands and covering coughs/sneezes.

During the Meeting/Event:

- Discourage any physical touching such as handshakes, fist bumps, high-fives, hugs, etc.

- Discourage sharing of items. If food or drink is offered at any event, have pre-packaged/filled boxes, bags or bottles for each attendee instead of a buffet or family-style meal. Avoid sharing food and utensils.

- Offer hand sanitizer or encourage hand washing. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces within venue between uses as much as possible – for example, door handles, tables, countertops, chairs, etc.

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Checklist

- Inform attendees to bring face masks and other personal items to reduce touching other surfaces.

- Ensure that all healthy hygiene supplies are available.

- Layout room to allow for 6 feet between seats.

- Post signage with COVID-19 Health Safety information before attendees arrive.

- Remind attendees to maintain social distancing, wear face masks, and not to touch or share personal items/food.

- Offer hand sanitizer or encourage hand washing.

- Clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces as often as possible.

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