



Recently, we have seen a positive turn and a reduction in COVID cases in our area. While we are grateful for this, we work to stay vigilant and healthy as we move forward with summer events. We continue to consult with the CDC and Catholic Mutual Groups (CMG) CARES documents and recommendations regarding events, gatherings, picnics and selling alcohol.

This document will provide guidance and best practices to help with planning events this summer. The planning of events is up to the local parish based on their community and their unique circumstances. As you plan, please review and adhere to any county guidelines and protocols for gathering.

A few best practices/suggestions:

- *Be flexible and prepared to adjust day of event to meet unforeseen changes*
- Hold events outdoors rather than indoors whenever possible
- Spread out and encourage social distancing as much as possible
- Have extra volunteers to help
- Review contract language in regards to cancellation
- Share expectations with participants ahead of time (i.e. mask or no mask, pick a spot and stay there rather than comingling, etc.)
- Limit money handlers
- Have slips for food and drink rather than money being exchanged by multiple people
- Have food and drink station separate (possibly have desserts separate from other food)
- Desserts to be pre-packaged/individually wrapped
 - Pre-packaged ice cream rather than dip n dots
- Follow current CDC guidelines regarding masking, social distancing, etc.
- Obtain extra seating (picnic tables) from local municipality or neighboring church (have extra volunteers for cleaning tables)
- Bring own chairs or blankets to sit on
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated areas if indoors location need to be utilized
- Practice good hygiene having plenty of hand sanitizer available (everywhere)
 - Before, during, and after preparing food
 - After touching garbage
- Organize a safely distanced drive-in or drive-thru event

Resources:

US Center for Disease Control	WI Dept. of Health & Human Services	Catholic Mutual Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considerations for Events/Gatherings• Event Planners & Attendees FAQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staying Safe in Your Community• Keeping Your Distance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk Control Memos• Picnics• Sale of Alcohol or Firearms