



COVID-19 EVENT EXPECTATIONS

Purpose: To supplement the current policies for [on-campus](#) and [off-campus](#) student/ student organization events as it relates to COVI-19 and [Protecting the Pack](#).

Events that are not officially sponsored by an NIU student or student organization are prohibited during the pandemic.

Event Registration

- **Student Organization Events:** All events should be submitted through [Huskie Link](#) and will be reviewed by the Events Committee to ensure successful event planning and COVID related safety measures are in place.
- **Unaffiliated Students:** Unaffiliated students are not allowed to sponsor events on campus at this time.

Guidance for events that are face-to-face

- Event attendees are required to wear a mask and practice physical distancing. The mask must be worn properly and cover the nose and chin.
- Event promotions should include a message that says that anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms should not attend the event.

Guidance for events that occur on campus or in campus spaces

Depending on local and state guidelines, event capacities and/or restrictions on in-person events will be implemented. Keep updated with [Protecting the Pack communications](#).

- Food cannot be offered at an event in any space during Region 1 mitigation. The only option for food is to provide it in to-go containers as participants leave the event.
- We encourage event organizers to require that students show the “all clear” page from the Campus Clear App to attend the event.
- The number of attendees at an indoor event cannot exceed the modified room capacity, or maximum event capacity based on the most recent guidelines.
- We encourage the use of outdoor spaces whenever possible.
- Attendance at outdoor events is limited to regional guidelines; thirty feet of space must be maintained between groups of attendees or between events.
- While tabling events are permitted, organizers must ensure distancing is enforced and congregating will not happen.

Adjustments to this policy may occur as we respond to the changing conditions of the pandemic.

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- Off-campus events can only be held at venues that follow local, state, and federal regulations regarding health and safety. Off-campus events must follow the guidance provided above concerning mask-wearing and physical distancing.

Freedom of Expression

It is highly encouraged that [expressive events](#) (protests, sit-ins, marches, etc.) are registered on Huskie Link so NIU can provide support for planning a successful activity. Expressive events should follow the same health and well-being guidelines including face masks, physical distancing, maximum of twenty-five (50) attendees, etc.

Support, Accountability, and Questions:

If a student or student organization places themselves or the community at risk by not adhering to these expectations, the individual and/or organization involved may be held accountable, which may include a referral to Student Conduct for violations of these expectations or the [Student Code of Conduct](#). As always, students and student organizations will also need to abide by all local, state, and federal laws.

Please contact the Student Involvement staff at StudentInvolvement@niu.edu for questions and event planning support.