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## Recommendations for Laurel County for participants attending outdoor gatherings.

Large gatherings bring together people from multiple households in a private or public space. Large gatherings are often planned events with many guests and invitations. Gatherings sometimes involve lodging, event staff, security, tickets, and long-distance travel. Large events may be conferences, trade shows, sporting events, festivals, concerts, or large weddings and parties.

According to the CDC and WHO, outdoor gatherings with plenty of space between you and others, pose a **lower risk** of spread of the COVID-19 virus, however, there is still a risk of spreading the virus at any event where large numbers of people are gathered regardless of whether it is indoors or outdoors.

### Promoting Healthy Behaviors that Reduce Spread COVID-19

- Choose events that take place outdoors with enough space and encourage attendees to stay 6 feet apart.
- Encourage attendees of the event to bring and use masks at the event when not 6 feet apart from others.
- Ensure that you have adequate supplies to support healthy hand hygiene.
- Encourage all individuals to become fully vaccinated.
- Encourage medically vulnerable persons to avoid large gatherings
- Encourage those who are sick to avoid gatherings.
- Do not attend if you have tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, have COVID-19 symptoms, or if you have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for or who has symptoms of COVID-19.

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