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## **OCCHD recommends prevention against COVID-19 when attending large gatherings**

(Oklahoma City) - According to the CDC, 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 pose the highest risk for the spread of COVID-19.

While this virus is still circulating in our communities, we strongly recommend individuals who are considering attending large events to wear a mask and distance from others as much as possible. Individuals should wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after being in a public place, or after blowing the nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Oklahoma County residents should schedule a test for COVID-19 within 5-6 days after attending a large event. All event attendees should monitor themselves for possible development of COVID-19 symptoms for 2-14 days after an event, even if they've been tested.

### ***About OCCHD***

*OCCHD was established in 1910 and was one of the first public health departments in the entire nation to be awarded accreditation status by the Public Health Accreditation Board. Currently, OCCHD has multiple locations around Oklahoma City. The mission of the agency is to protect health, promote wellness and prevent disease by working with the community for a healthy future.*