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Recommendations for safely holding public meetings, gatherings, and business meetings:

As we enter this new phase of COVID-19 we have more tools available to mitigate transmission of COVID-19 and decrease the chance of severe disease. These tools remain important and should be taken into consideration when holding public meetings or other gatherings. Information about local COVID-19 indicators can be found at [CDC county community level](https://www.cdc.gov/communitylevel) and <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/data-summary>.

As the COVID-19 public health emergency ends, the following are recommendations to minimize the risk of COVID 19 transmission during a public meeting.

1. Allow options for individuals who may be at higher risk to attend and participate via a call-in or an internet-based services option. This is good practice generally, no matter the COVID-19 transmission rate, but is particularly important when community level is medium or high.
2. Recommend indoor masking, particularly if county COVID-19 community level is medium or high, as noted in CDPH masking guidance: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>.
3. Recommend self-symptom screening no matter the COVID-19 county community level and encourage messaging that continues to reinforce that individuals not go into common or public indoor spaces when not feeling well in order to reduce disease transmission.
4. Recommend social distancing (six feet of separation between individuals), when feasible.
5. Consider holding public meetings, gatherings, or business meetings outdoors, when county COVID-19 community levels is high. If unable to host outdoors, consider ways to [increase ventilation and flow](#) of the indoor space to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission while indoors.
6. Encourage attendees to remain up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccine no matter the county COVID-19 community level.



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