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## **ALUMNI CHAPTERS COVID-19 EVENT GUIDANCE** **(As of June 2021)**

Thank you to the many dedicated members of our alumni community who have worked so hard to enable us to reach this point. Together, we have endeavored to keep our campus community safe and healthy while ensuring that our vital mission of teaching, research and service continues, even in the most challenging circumstances.

Thanks to our collective efforts as a campus community, we are now able to plan for a full return to normal operations for Fall Semester 2021. We are excited to envision the vibrancy of campus and alumni life as we resume traditional activities and interactions.

The University System of Georgia issued [new guidelines](#) to campuses on May 13, 2021, and the measures below are based on those instructions.

**Effective July 1, 2021**, the UGA Alumni Association will allow alumni chapters to resume in-person gatherings. Please use the [event request form](#) located on the [Chapter Leader Resources](#) page to submit your event.

The following event considerations and guidelines are expected to be followed in the interest of the health and safety of all Bulldogs. In addition, alumni chapters are also encouraged to continue hosting virtual events when an in-person gathering isn't possible.

### **EVENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- Could the event be hosted via Zoom or similar digital platform rather than in-person? If yes, contact our staff for assistance in event scheduling and technical support.
- If not, please contact your staff liaison to discuss your idea for an in-person event, and we will work with you on effective and efficient promotion. In-person events will be considered on a case by case basis, and an [event request form](#) must be submitted for review.

- For an in-person event, identify a private or commercial venue with ample space and work with the venue to determine their health and safety protocols (look for outdoor space when possible).
- **No events should be held in private homes.**
- Alumni staff may be unable to attend in-person events, so it is the responsibility of the chapter or council to ensure that all event guidelines are met.

### **EVENT GUIDELINES**

#### **• Adhere to the public health guidelines established in your city and state and monitor for changes prior to the event.**

- As it relates to community transmission rates, we refer to the [CDC Covid Data Tracker](#) and ask chapters to monitor their county(ies) level of community transmission. It is highly unlikely that we will recommend hosting any in-person events if the transmission rate is classified as "Substantial" or "High" in your area for 1) Total New Cases per 100K in Last 7 Days, or 2) Positive Test % in Last 7 Days.
- Follow venue guidance regarding event capacity (most venues will have guidelines and regulations that consider social distancing).
- Practice social distancing by maintaining at least 6-feet distance between attendees (or most updated CDC guidelines). Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering when in attendance at event.
- Display [Dawg Strong signage](#) provided by UGA at entrance of in-person event.
- Limit person-to-person contact (i.e., handshakes, fistbumps, etc.), try a "Go Dawgs" greeting instead!
- No common food source should be served (potlucks, buffets, shared appetizers, etc.). Each person should have their own food (boxed meal, etc.).

Our highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of our alumni and friends, as well as your respective communities. These considerations and guidelines may change as additional best practices around events and group gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic become available.

Please note that the guidance referenced in this memo is subject to change based on recommendations from the Georgia Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control, Governor's Office or University System of Georgia. We will be monitoring

conditions associated with the COVID-19 virus throughout the summer months, and we must all continue to remain flexible and be prepared to change course, if necessary.

Thank you once again for your collective efforts to help keep us Dawg Strong/Georgia Strong.

For the latest COVID-19 guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). Questions? Contact Sarah Sonenberg, Senior Director of Alumni Chapters at [sarah.sonenberg@uga.edu](mailto:sarah.sonenberg@uga.edu).

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