Guide to Responsible Off-Campus Social Gatherings

Be cognizant of the size of the gathering; the larger the group, the stronger likelihood that an attendee has COVID-19.

Prioritize attending or hosting outdoor events. Statistically, transmission of the virus is much lower when outdoors. Wear a mask outdoors if social distancing cannot be observed.

Make a decision not to eat or drink at the event to avoid removal of your mask or consider drinking through a straw you slide under your mask.

Work to keep your distance when talking to people as the transmission risk increases when people are talking, standing close to someone talking, etc.

The chance of spreading COVID-19 decreases dramatically when both people are wearing masks.

If you are at an indoor gathering where guests will be eating, realize that masks will be down at meal time. Sit at least 6 feet from other guests, farther if possible, to reduce the chance of infection.

If you are hosting indoors, ensure windows are open to allow the flow of fresh air. Limit the number invited so you have enough space to seat guests at a safe distance. Meal’s over? Masks up!