



Drive-Through/Drive-In Events

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The purpose of the current public health stay at home orders in place in California are to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our community. We recognize the need for people to connect and offer support and comfort, however gatherings are a major contributor to the spread of COVID-19. We suggest that organizers consider other methods for “virtual” group meetings that can be held online, on conference calls, or by other means.

While asking people to stay in their cars while attending events may be a safe way to gather without a risk of exposure, there are risks that planners and attendees should be aware of:

- People may attend from distant areas where events have been closed and there is a high level of community COVID-19. This could bring more cases of COVID-19 to our area.
- Members of multiple households may come together in the confined space of a single car, especially if the attendance is limited by parking.
- Some visitors may decide to leave their car for a number of reasons and others may join them to be supportive.
- Travelling to and from events may lead to stops for restroom breaks, snacks, etc., that expose our community to COVID-19.

For safety, drive through/drive-in events should plan for participants to:

- Include one household group per car – members of multiple households should not ride together in the same car.
- Not leave their cars during the event.

If event planners can keep these risks in mind, and encourage all attendees to follow physical distancing guidelines, we believe that will continue to help in preventing the spread of COVID-19 as these events go forward.

