

## 2022 Guidelines for Resuming In-Person Chapter Events

The health and safety of our community members is of the utmost importance to IDSA, and we appreciate your adherence to safety guidelines throughout the pandemic. As more states lift COVID-19 safety measures, IDSA is updating its own guidelines and will no longer require pre-approval for in-person events. Chapters can feel confident returning to the heart of what makes IDSA special: in-person connections.

The following information is meant to help chapters evaluate the return to in-person events.

### Consider the following before determining if an event should be in-person:

- Understand any federal, state, or local laws that would impact the ability to hold an in-person event.
- Assess the comfort and risk level of your members. (Are they willing to meet in-person? Only with certain safety measures in place, like mask requirements or social distancing?)

### Once you've determined if an event will be in-person:

- Secure a copy of the venue's health and safety policies.
- Remain flexible. Know that things may change, and circumstances can alter your planning (new variants, increase in infection rates, etc.)
- Stay up to date with announcements from the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\) Steps to Prevent Illness](#), [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#), State and Local Health Departments and State Governmental Agencies.
- Communicate all relevant safety information in advance of an event.
  - Place signage in strategic locations.
  - Utilize a color-coded system so attendees can indicate to others their comfort level with social distancing and physical interactions (e.g., green=high-fives and handshakes; yellow=elbows only; and red = no contact)
  - Position sanitation stations throughout the venue.
  - Ask that those with symptoms of COVID-19, or who are feeling ill, or those who have recently been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, not attend the event and to promptly consult their health care professional.

**Questions?** Contact [Korie Twigg](#), Senior Community Manager.