

IDSA Guidelines for Hosting In-Person Chapter Events

Chapter Leaders,

IDSA has extended its guidance that all in-person chapter events are to be postponed or canceled through January 4, 2021. However, since every region of the country is different, and because we hope things will change for the better, chapters can obtain an exception, permitting them to hold in-person events. Specific conditions described below must be met if chapters wish to hold in-person events.

First and foremost, the health and safety of our community is of the utmost importance. There is no requirement or expectation that any chapter hold in-person events at this time.

Research & Monitoring

Chapters must notify IDSA in writing of all research completed, including relevant information and recommendations, particularly from state and local health agencies. Information includes:

- What is your state's reopening plan?
- How many COVID-19 cases are in your region?
- What is the recent (10-14 day) trend?
- What size limits are in place for social gatherings?
- What types of businesses have reopened (restaurants, movie theaters, gyms, etc.)?

Safety Guidelines

Chapters must notify IDSA in writing of all safety measures that will be implemented for the event, which may include:

- Venue safety and cleanliness procedures
- Vendor protocols
- Hand sanitizing requirements
- Social distancing measures.
- Other hygiene considerations (e.g. tissues)

Vendor Considerations

Chapters must notify IDSA in writing of all logistical considerations, which may include:

- Venue cancelation policy.
- Vendor cancelation policies (e.g. food and beverage)
- Registration refunds

Approval

- Approval from IDSA HQ must be obtained for each in-person event.
- Approval indicates that IDSA reasonably believes that you have adequately considered a wide range of factors for hosting a particular in-person event.

Resources

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

- [Steps to Prevent Illness, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.](#)
- [Hand washing: Clean Hands Save Lives, CDC Prevention](#)

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