IDSA Guidelines for Hosting Healthy, In-person, In-door Chapter Events

Chapter Leaders,

On June 22, 2021, IDSA updated its guidance that all in-person, outdoor chapter events may resume, and that chapters interested in hosting in-person, indoor events must follow the guidelines, which include specific conditions that chapters must meet for IDSA approval.

The health and safety of our community is of the utmost importance. All local city and state guidance involving mask-wearing, sanitation, social-distancing measures, etc. must be adhered to.

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:

- Has your state lifted reopening restrictions? If not, what are your state’s re-opening plans?
- What are the restrictions for holding indoor gatherings in your area?
- What size limits are in place for indoor gatherings in your area?
- What types of businesses have reopened (restaurants, movie theaters, gyms, shopping centers, 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
- Mask protocols
- 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-door chapter event.

- Approval indicates that IDSA reasonably believes that you have adequately considered a wide range of factors for hosting a particular in-door, in-person event.

Resources

Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- CDC Guidance for Outdoor and Indoor Activities
- CDC’s Infographics for Choosing Safer Activities