



APPLICATION FOR HIDALGO COUNTY OUTDOOR EVENTS

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the serious threat to public safety that it represents for the residents of Hidalgo County, outdoor events and large outdoor gatherings in unincorporated areas of the county with estimated attendance of ten (10) or more persons require the permission of the County Judge prior to them being held. Our goal is always to have Hidalgo County be the safest place in Texas.

All individuals must wear face coverings (over the nose and mouth) wherever it is not feasible to maintain six (6) feet of physical distancing from another individual not in the same household.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older and individuals with pre-existing conditions places them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices and protect everyone, especially those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgement that will protect health and support economic revitalization.

EVENT INFORMATION:

In evaluating large gatherings (those with an estimated number of ten (10) or more individuals) in the **unincorporated areas** of the county, the Hidalgo County Judge requires the following information in writing to assess the public health, safety and to determine whether to approve an application for large outdoor gatherings:

Name/Type of Event: _____ Date of Event: _____

Purpose of Event: _____ Number of Attendees: _____

Location/Address of Event: _____ County Property*: Y N

Is this a Fundraiser?: Y N Will there be any type of sales (merchandise, food)?: Y N

Is there an admission fee?: Y N Are persons over the age of 65 attending?: Y N

Person hosting the event: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Person Completing this Form: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

*If the event you are planning is on County property (Parks, Pavilions, etc.), please attach proper documentation that indicates you have been granted permission by the respective Precinct. If proper documentation is not included, this will delay processing the application.

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Thank you for your cooperation in completing the application to host an outdoor event in **unincorporated** Hidalgo County. Please complete the application using your computer, print and sign. Once completed, please scan and email to sulema.cavazos@co.hidalgo.tx.us. Call to confirm receipt at 956-318-2656 x5910. Applications must be **received 3 business days before the scheduled event and will not be processed before 7 business days before the event**. There is no guarantee the application will be approved by Hidalgo County Officials.

Per CDC guidelines, Hidalgo County is requiring the following minimum standards for outdoor events. Please initial each minimum standard that apply to your event as a promise to comply:

- _____ Invitation to the event should note facial coverings are required (*include copy with application*).
- _____ Have disposable facial coverings available at all times.
- _____ Hand Sanitizer available at the entrance and at each table.
- _____ Plates, drinkware, utensils, and napkins must all be disposable.
- _____ Persons serving food or drinks must wear a facial covering, gloves, and hairnet.
- _____ All tables must be at least ten (10) to twelve (12) feet apart.
- _____ There should be no more than half of the capacity seated for each table.
- _____ The dance floor area should be monitored for six (6) feet physical distancing.
- _____ The bathroom and wait lines should maintain six (6) feet physical distance between persons.
- _____ Bathrooms should have all materials to maintain sanitary conditions.
- _____ Bar areas should maintain physical distancing and staff should wear facial covering and gloves.
- _____ Two security guards are required.

ADDITIONAL MINIMUM HEALTH PROTOCOLS MAY BE REQUIRED

As a host, I understand the requirements as listed and will ensure they are followed throughout the duration of the event.

Signature of Event Host

Date

Our goal is always to have Hidalgo County be the safest place in Texas. It is for your safety that we strongly encourage you to ensure the guidelines are followed your event. We wish you the best of luck with your event and we hope it is an enjoyable one.

Approved by: _____
Homero Garza, Hidalgo County Fire Marshal

Approved by: _____
Eduardo Olivarez, Chief Administrative Officer, HCHHS

Valid Until: _____

Approved by: _____
Richard F. Cortez – County Judge, Hidalgo County, Texas