

Advice from Durham Region Health Department for Parades, Fairs and Other Festivities*



Parades are a big part of celebration for many cultures and can occur at anytime of year. If you are involved in the planning of parades and other public festivities, Durham Region Health Department recommends the following to ensure your event remains as safe as possible:

- ✓ Public/private social/event gatherings are restricted to the gathering limits set out by the [Province](#).
- ✓ Indoor public festivals and events may be subjected to further [provincial capacity limits](#).
- ✓ A safety plan, outlining how to protect staff and the public against COVID-19 within the facility must be made available upon request. A copy of the safety plan must be posted within the facility for viewing by staff and the public. For more details visit the Durham Region Health Department [Safety Plan Template](#), [COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan Checklist](#) and the Province's [Develop Your COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan](#).



As with all events, stay home if you are sick or if you have symptoms – even if you have mild symptoms.



Private festivities are subjected to social gathering limits and public organized events are restricted to the capacity limit set out by the [province](#).



Screening must be implemented to ensure the health of the visitors, staff, volunteers, and essential visitors. All businesses are required to have active screening for all staff and volunteers. Screening logs must be maintained for 1 month and only disclosed when requested by the medical officer of health or an inspector under the Health Protection and Promotion Act. For detailed guidance visit the Ministry of Health's website [Ontario COVID-19 Screening](#).



Stagger or schedule people getting on and off floats or involved in performances to help reduce people gathering in one spot.



Hand sanitizer stations should be provided in all staging areas and for all floats/groups.



Each float/group should be provided with its own staging area.



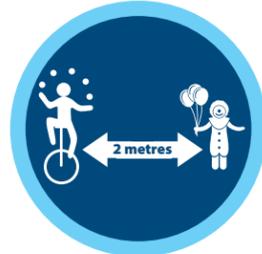
The capacity limit of your float is the number of people that can fit on the float based on physical distancing requirements of 2 metres of space between individuals.



The guidance noted in this document does not replace the requirement for organizers to ensure that all local and municipal permits or application processes for an event are completed as required.



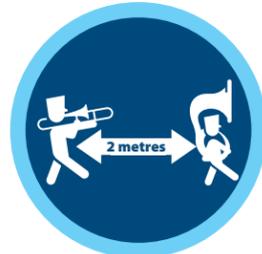
The use of masks is mandatory for all staff, visitors and patrons when in an indoor enclosed public space. Masks are required when outdoors where physical distancing of 2 metres cannot be maintained. Staff must wear personal protective equipment while indoors (medical mask and eye protection) when they come within 2 metres of another person who is not wearing a mask and where there is no impermeable barrier in place. A face shield is not a substitute for a mask.



All attendees should maintain physical distancing of 2 metres.



Live entertainment may be permitted as set out by the [province](#). Ensure public health measures are followed.



Attraction capacities are subject to [provincial restrictions](#) and should be monitored. Amusement rides should maintain a physical distancing of 2 metres between patrons and masks are required when unable to maintain physical distancing of 2 metres.



If activities are provided (e.g. mazes, interactive displays, etc.) create timed entries, ticket systems or schedules for patron use. Facility's safety plan must address measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission at interactive activities and amusement rides.



The facility must address crowding and measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission at any interactive activities on their safety plan.



Event organizers are responsible to ensure measures are established to assist in mitigating the spread and risk of infection amongst performers, attendees, volunteers. It is recommended to implement crowd management and control measures at all points of the event. Failing to comply would be subject to legal action.



Keep a record of all staff, volunteers and participants for 1 month (including full name and phone number).



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Durham Health Connection Line | 905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

*Pursuant to the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 and its applicable Regulations, individuals who do not comply with the above noted requirements may be liable for a fine up to a maximum of \$100,000 or in the case of a corporation, not more than \$10,000,000 for each day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.

