



# MSU Extension In-Person Engagement Summary

Guidance current as of June 1, 2021

All volunteer-led MSU Extension in-person engagements must follow the [requirements and policies set forth by MSU Extension](#). These policies are based on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \(MDHHS\)](#), and the [MSU Community Compact](#). When there is disagreement between the sources, the most conservative approach will be followed. As MSU Extension volunteers begin preparing for in-person events, the following definitions and framework will help volunteers be successful in their efforts. In both instances:

**Residential location** = designed for people to live in

**Non-residential location** = Not providing facilities for people to live on the premises

## INDOOR EVENTS

For the purpose of MSU Extension events, "indoors" means within a space that is fully or partially enclosed on the top, and fully or partially enclosed on two or more contiguous sides. Additionally, in a space that is fully or partially enclosed on the top, and fully or partially enclosed on two non-contiguous sides, any part of that space that is more than 8 feet from an open side is indoors. Commonly walls are defined from the eave-line to the ground.

For indoor events, the event must follow the following requirements:

Location	Number of people in attendance	Attendance record	Masks	Personal hygiene	Physical distancing	Consumption of food, beverages
<b>Residential</b>	No limit	Required, leader submit to county Extension office within 3 days	Required by all*, covering mouth and nose; unless eating/drinking or covered by a mask exception (page 2)	Sanitizer or hand-washing station available; used upon arrival to event and during as needed	6 feet between individuals not in the same household	Discouraged, but permitted while seated in a designated area; groups of no more than 6 people; groups 6+ feet apart.
<b>Non-residential</b>	25 people or 50% of capacity or 30 people per 1,000 square feet (whichever is greater)					

\* MSU Community Compact requires everyone to wear masks while indoors regardless of vaccination status.

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OUTDOOR EVENTS

For the purpose of MSU Extension events, “outdoors” means a space that is not indoors and does not meet MDHHS definitions for indoors. There are exceptions from MDHHS for fairs and festivals/large outdoor entertainment and recreations venues.

For outdoor events, the event must follow the following requirements:

Location	Number of people in attendance	Attendance record	Masks	Personal hygiene	Physical distancing	Consumption of food, beverages
Residential	No limit	Required, leader submit to county Extension office within 3 days	Not required, however it is strongly recommended that individuals who are not yet fully vaccinated continue to wear face masks while in close proximity to others.	Sanitizer or hand-washing station available; used upon arrival to event and during as needed	6 feet between individuals not in the same household	Permitted while seated in a designated area; groups of no more than 6 people; groups 6+ feet apart.
Non-residential						

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MASK EXCEPTIONS

The following exceptions to the masking rule are permitted at MSU Extension in-person events:

- *For shooting sports programming:* When indoors, masks may be removed by participants while on the firing line and by range/safety officers while giving rules and commands. After the firing session, shooters must put their mask back on before moving from their place at the shooting line. See [additional guidance for shooting sports programs](#) for more shooting sports modifications.
- *For equine and livestock activities:* To ensure no vision impairments, youth participants may remove their masks when actively leading, riding or driving a large animal (such as beef, dairy, horses, llamas, hogs, sheep and goats). When indoors, masks need to be put back on immediately after the animal has been tied up, penned or stalled.

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