

Eastern Michigan University Student Gathering Policy

This policy outlines the University's limitations of social gatherings both indoors and outdoors. The University's policy is based on State and County laws and will therefore be strictly enforced. **Please save and refer back to this email as needed.**

As we have shared repeatedly over the last several months, the University is taking a layered multi-step approach to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Those steps must be followed in their entirety, and are outlined in the [University's Safe Return-to-Campus Plan](#).

We recommend that as much organization business as possible be done virtually .

Indoor student gatherings on campus will not be permitted due to the restrictions of Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-160 that set a 10 or fewer person limit, and the necessity to repurpose many campus spaces for class meetings.

In an effort to provide students with opportunities for interacting with the campus community, while still adhering to the guidelines and restrictions necessary to keep everyone as healthy as possible, outdoor student gatherings on campus are permitted with the stipulations listed below.

1. Per the Washtenaw County Health Department Public Health Emergency Order issued and effective on August 20, 2020, no more than 25 persons are permitted to gather together outdoors.
2. All party/social gathering attendees must maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from one another at all times.
3. All party/social gathering attendees must wear a face covering that covers their mouth and nose at all times.
4. Gatherings are permitted between the hours of 9am and 9pm only.
5. Outdoor spaces are first come, first served. Groups may not use a space that is already occupied.
6. Groups must maintain a distance of 25 feet from building entrances.
7. The use of sound amplification is not permitted to avoid disturbing others who are utilizing nearby outdoor spaces, and to avoid disrupting classes in progress (except in the case of accommodation for those who are hearing impaired).
8. The use of grills or open flames is prohibited.
9. Groups are responsible for cleaning up any trash and ensuring that no items are left behind.
10. Gatherings of Student Organizations must be communicated to the Organization's advisor in advance.

Outdoor spaces include such areas as: the Student Center Patio, Lakehouse Amphitheatre, University Park Pavillion, and other University courtyards and green space.

The University requests that when students choose to socially gather outside, they identify someone to be responsible for keeping a list of those present, so that contact tracing is possible in the event that an attendee tests positive for COVID-19.

The University reserves the right to disband gatherings that do not meet the above criteria. This policy is subject to change and the most up-to-date policy can be found on our website, <https://www.emich.edu/campuslife/student-orgs/resources.php>, under the policies section.

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