ARE WE PLANNING A SOCIAL GATHERING OR AN EVENT/ACTIVITY?

Important Definitions:

Social Gatherings: This includes parties, events where alcohol may be served, socials, family/parent weekends, dances and similar activities with unstructured mingling.

Events/Activities: Gatherings that are structured around a specific program, practice, or agenda with social distancing and mask-wearing protocols strictly enforced and where unstructured mingling does not occur.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Important Clarifications:

As of now, social gatherings will not be registered the first month of the Spring 2021 Semester.

- The University of Mississippi will launch COVID-19 testing available to all students, staff, and faculty.
- This will help the University better understand its positivity rate and make a better informed decision regarding social gatherings on and off campus.
- The University hopes to allow social gatherings by February 19, 2021. Administrators will be monitoring testing numbers and rates from January 19 - February 19 to make the best decision for campus.
- Please note this does not mean that social gatherings will definitely take place on February 19.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Important Clarifications:

On-Campus Events/Activities
Organizational meetings, practices, committee meetings and other structured events and activities that don’t involve unstructured mingling are permitted.

- Examples of such events and activities include committee meetings, sport club practices, meetings of a group or organization, new member formal initiations, philanthropic events, service events, sister/brotherhood activities, seminars, lectures or study groups.
- These events will be limited to the protocol-adjusted capacity of the rooms and spaces in which they are held along with the following parameters:
  - at least 6 feet of distance between attendees,
  - mandatory mask wearing for all participants and
  - a point person for the event to ensure protocol compliance.

Food service at these events is discouraged for now, although it could be offered with the proper protocols in place.

Off-Campus Events/Activities
Organizational meetings, committee meetings and other structured events and activities sponsored by academic and administrative units or registered student organizations (RSO) to be held off campus must be submitted for review and approval.

- All aforementioned functions must be registered in The ForUM (olemiss.edu/forum) 15 business days in advance, regardless of how many participants or whether it will take place on campus or off campus.

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