

# RECOVERY AND SAFETY IN COLUMBUS

As we welcome sports events back to our city, Columbus is dedicated to working alongside community partners to create seamless safety protocols while following local, state and federal public health requirements. Here's what you need to know about Columbus' commitment to safely hosting your event.

## DOES COLUMBUS HAVE A MASK MANDATE?

Yes, wearing a mask in Columbus is mandatory for anyone over the age of six in all public spaces where six feet of social distancing cannot be maintained. The mandate exempts those who are strenuously exercising. Read the full ordinance and its exemptions [here](#). Similar mandates exist across the entirety of Franklin County.

## HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE PERMITTED AT EVENTS IN COLUMBUS?

As Ohio continues reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic, mass gatherings are still prohibited where social distancing is not possible. New state mandates permit sports and entertainment venues to reopen with 25% of maximum indoor capacity and 30% maximum outdoor capacity, provided they follow [established safety protocols](#) such as social distancing and mask wearing. Venues may opt to follow their own attendance guidelines under this mandate.

## CAN COLUMBUS HELP PROVIDE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) FOR MY EVENT?

Yes! The Greater Columbus Sports Commission (Sports Commission) and Experience Columbus can provide you with a list of [local partners](#) that are producing essential reopening products and PPE. The Greater Columbus Convention Center operates its own [PPE Resource Center](#) that includes face shields, masks, sanitizing equipment and more.

## CAN COLUMBUS ACCOMMODATE HYBRID EVENTS?

Yes! We have several partners that can support your hybrid or virtual event needs. Need help planning your hybrid event? Experience Columbus and the Sports Commission have Digital Events Strategists that can assist in these conversations.

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| <a href="#">Bartha AV</a> | <a href="#">Bell Tree Productions</a> | <a href="#">Live Technologies</a> | <a href="#">Markey's Rental and Staging</a> | <a href="#">Mills James Productions*</a> |
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*\*Mills James is the preferred production partner of the Greater Columbus Convention Center and is located in-house.*

## WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

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| <a href="#">Ohio Department of Health</a> | <a href="#">Columbus Public Health</a> | <a href="#">COVID-19 Industry Resources</a> | <a href="#">COVID-19 Travel Information</a> |
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Columbus is one of the nation's only cities to lead a collaborative, citywide effort to pursue the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council \(GBAC\) STAR™ accreditation](#). The GBAC STAR™ accreditation is the cleaning industry's only outbreak prevention, response and recovery accreditation for facilities. John Glenn Columbus International Airport and the Greater Columbus Convention Center have officially received their accreditation.



Capitalizing on Columbus' strengths as a forward-thinking city, we continue to "Live Forward" to help rebuild Columbus' economy and support the local community during the COVID-19 pandemic. More than 200 Central Ohio businesses have signed the [Live Forward Pledge](#), a commitment to assure customers and guests that they are following all health and safety guidelines set forth by state and local health officials and industry organizations.