



Food Safety Guidelines for Gatherings and Events



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Dayton

This guidance applies to all University Departments and Recognized Student Organizations, including Values-Based, Greek-Letter Organizations and Sport Clubs, and is subject to change as University Guidelines and Ohio Orders evolve.



There is no evidence that COVID-19 is spread by food. However, people sharing utensils and congregating around food service areas can pose a risk. If you are planning to have food at an event or gathering, please follow these guidelines.

Food Safety Guidelines

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces between use.
- Provide physical guidelines, such as University floor decals or painter's tape on floors (or use painter's tape to hang signs on walls) to ensure that individuals remain at least 6 feet apart when waiting in lines for food. Distance should also be maintained while eating.
- Use disposable food service items including utensils and dishes. If disposable items are not feasible or desirable, ensure that all non-disposable food service items are handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water or in a dishwasher.
- Individuals should wash their hands after removing their gloves or after directly handling used food service items.
- Avoid offering any self-serve food or drink options, such as buffets, salad bars, and drink stations. Consider having pre-packaged boxes or bags for each attendee.
- If providing a self-serve item, like pizza, have one or two people serve the pizza using separate (not shared) serving utensils or gloves - this will require pre-planning to ensure you have the proper utensils or gloves.
- Ensure that all attendees follow face covering guidelines: the face covering should be worn until the individual is ready to eat and then, when done eating, it should be replaced.

Considerations for Food at Events and Gatherings

- Certain University event and meeting spaces have implemented various restrictions on the permission of food in their space. Please refer to the [UD Path Forward's Rooms and Capacities document](#) for those restrictions.
- All in-person events and gatherings must receive approval by completing the "In-Person Event Request Form" on the homepage of 1850.udayton.edu

Have a Question? Email COVID19@udayton.edu