



# Engagement, Leadership, and Service

Student Affairs

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

## Health and Safety Recommendations for Student Organizations

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*The following public health-informed safety tips have been created to provide guidance for student organizations as they plan and develop their activities. Updated Coronavirus information and resources are available at <https://coronavirus.uga.edu/>.*

*ELS is here to support you and your student organization. If you have questions, you can contact ELS at (706) 542-6396 or [ugaels@uga.edu](mailto:ugaels@uga.edu).*

### Safety, decision-making, and personal responsibility

- The University System of Georgia (USG) continues to recognize COVID-19 vaccines and boosters offer safe, effective protection and urges all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to get vaccinated and/or boosted either on campus or with a local provider. As UGA works closely with the Georgia Department of Public Health to prioritize the health and safety of campus communities, the system encourages people to wear masks based on their preference and assessment of personal risk.
- Students may be required by off-campus partnering organizations to wear masks and/or be vaccinated as a condition of participation in experiential learning opportunities.

### Events

- Student organizations are asked to follow current CDC guidance, as well as guidance from state and local officials and health leaders.
- For off-campus events and activities, student organizations should understand the guidance and expectations of the venue hosting the event.
- When advertising programs, events, and activities, include a contingency plan that will be used in case of cancelation.

### Food and fundraising

- Student organizations are encouraged to have hand sanitizer readily accessible near food distribution sources.
- If serving from common food and drink distribution sources, student organizations are strongly encouraged to provide gloves and proper serving utensils.
- If food is being catered and your student organization's budget allows, consider having the vendor serve the food during the event.
- Student fundraising activities that involve food, unless it is pre-packaged or vendor-prepared, will not be approved.

### Additional resources

- ELS has created a Zoom series with updates on campus resources applicable to student organizations and how they have been impacted due to COVID-19. Upcoming sessions of the Student Organization Zoom Series and all recordings can be found at <https://els.uga.edu/student-organization-zoom-series/>.
- Additional organization resources can be found on the ELS website (<https://els.uga.edu/>).