



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.

Safety, decision-making, and personal responsibility

- The University strongly encourages all faculty, staff, and students to be vaccinated. However, based on USG guidance, the University cannot require students, faculty, or staff to be vaccinated in order to be on campus.
- Everyone, whether vaccinated or not, is encouraged to wear a face covering while inside campus facilities. However, face coverings and social distancing are not required.
- 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/>).