

# **Point-in-Time Count**

MDH Congregate Living Response Team for COVID-19
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## Planning Phase



- For people conducting the count:
  - Show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination, or
  - Present proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours.
- Procure medical masks (surgical, KN95) to have available for people conducting the count, and extra masks for interviewees.
  - Organizers should also consider having eye protection/face shields, gloves, and hand sanitizer available.
  - If purchasing PPE supplies,
  - Check with emergency managers for PPE supplies: <a href="https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/contact/Pages/county-emergency-managers.aspx">https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/contact/Pages/county-emergency-managers.aspx</a>
- Recommend people conducting the count get their COVID-19 boosters and a Flu shot.
- Check with local public health departments and Public Health Preparedness Consultants for your area: <a href="https://www.health.state.mn.us/about/org/ch/epr/phpc/index.html">https://www.health.state.mn.us/about/org/ch/epr/phpc/index.html</a>

### **During the Count**



- Screen participants for symptoms at beginning of event and consider rapid-testing.
- Have participants offer masks to interviewees.
- Masks should be required at any time physical distancing cannot be maintained.
  - Because community transmission rates are high, participants should also consider wearing eye protection/face shields, and gloves.
- Hand sanitizer should be provided and used between interactions.
- In vehicles, participants should remain masked.
- Ideally, organizers would keep track of who works together, and who they interview in case contact tracing measures are needed in the future. Organizers should make sure to collect contact information for the same reason.

#### **After the Count**



- Participants should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after the count. If symptoms develop, they should stay home and get tested for COVID-19.
- Participants should consider getting tested 5-7 days after the count.
- If someone tests positive after the event, they are encouraged to report their status to MDH and organizers in order to conduct contact tracing and share exposure notifications.

#### Resources



- The docket app can help check vaccination records:
  - https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/records.html
- Transportation Guidance:
  - https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/guidetransport.pdf
- Consider having vaccine or COVID-19 referral information available for participants to hand out as needed.
  - https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/materials/index.html

# Thank you!

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