The below information pertains to internal events only. These guidelines and protocols are applicable for CSUCI events being held on campus or at a CSUCI affiliated location (Santa Rosa Island Research Station, Channel Islands Boating Center, or Goleta instructional site. University sponsored events that are being held off campus at a non-CSUCI affiliated site should adhere to local public health guidelines as well as those in place by the specific facility.

Internal Events are defined as those that:

1) Are facilitated, co-sponsored, or planned by a division, area, auxiliary, or campus group
2) Utilize funds to facilitate the event from a campus or auxiliary accounting string and
3) Use a campus or CSUCI affiliated location space or resource

*This definition does not apply to external events. External Events are defined as events that are supported by University Auxiliary Services (UAS) and are executed by non-CSUCI affiliated groups. These events are primarily focused on and attended by groups and individuals outside of CSU Channel Islands students, faculty, staff or auxiliary employees.

Internal events do not include activities or events that are part of an academic course or offering. For example, a guest lecturer to a class does not fall under these requirements, but a speaker series sponsored by an academic department for the entire campus does fall under these guidelines.

CSUCI COVID-19 Internal Event Guidance

Effective immediately, events on and off campus are subject to the same guidelines as laid out by the California Department of Public Health in the June 15 reopening guidance.

Please note: Mega events, defined as more than 1,000 people indoor and more than 10,000 people outdoor, are subject to special guidance, as outlined by the State of California.

CSUCI COVID-19 Internal Event Protocols

The following internal protocols are required by the campus in an effort to ensure the health and safety of all participants. Divisions / areas / programs responsible for hosting the event hold accountability for ensuring protocols are implemented and guidelines are met. Questions on event guidance and campus protocol may be directed to Environmental Health & Safety

Event Planning & Approval

- All event requests must be submitted through the 25 Live system. The 25 Live system includes review by Environmental Health & Safety in instances where guest attendance exceeds 50. The
entire review process, including review by Environmental Health & Safety, will take approximately four weeks.

Food and Beverage

- Eating and drinking at events with a guest count of 50 or more will only be permitted outdoors.
- All seating for individuals who are eating and drinking will need to ensure physical distancing at a minimum of 3’.
- Pre-packaged boxed meals are recommended in lieu of buffet or family-style meals. Event goers should avoid sharing food and utensils.
- Disposable food service items (e.g., utensils, dishes) are recommended. If disposable items are not feasible or desirable, all non-disposable food service items should be 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.

Contact Tracing and Notification

- All events require the implementation of an RSVP and check in system that can facilitate notification and contract tracing in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case on campus. RSVP and check in data must be preserved for 60 days. At a minimum, contact tracing will require the collection of guests full names and phone number.
- If an event guest is showing symptoms of COVID-19, event staff should utilize the COVID-19 informational form to notify the campus immediately. The guest in question should be consulted with and if determined necessary, asked to leave. The spaces (tables, chairs, etc.) that the event guest touched should be wiped down (to the extent possible).

Vaccination Certification of Guests

- The RSVP and check in system must include a way in which guests can declare that they are in compliance with current CSU and university requirements for vaccination or testing.

Mask Wearing – Indoor / Outdoor Venues

- Masks are required indoors for everyone regardless of vaccination status on campus and at affiliated locations (Santa Rosa Island Research Station, Channel Islands Boating Center, and Goleta instructional site), except when in an office alone or while eating or drinking while physically distanced from others.
- Masks are required for all events with an anticipated guest count of 50 or more regardless of the venue. As such, this includes venues that are both indoors and outdoors and applies to both on campus locations as well as at an affiliated location (Santa Rosa Island Research Station, Channel Islands Boating Center, or Goleta instructional site). Event guests are not required to wear a
mask if they are in a room alone or while eating and drinking and physically distanced at a minimum of 3’.

Sanitation / Cleaning / Custodial Services

- Adequate hygiene and sanitation supplies must be made available to event guests. This includes items such as hand sanitizer, wipes, and masks. These items are the responsibility of the area planning the event to provide and make available.

- Events will require custodial services to ensure that event spaces are thoroughly cleaned before and after an event. As such all events will require an approved plan for custodial services that complies with applicable local, state and federal guidance. Consideration for such plans will take into consideration anticipated guest count, use of spaces such as restrooms, conference rooms, classrooms etc. and duration of the event.

Limit Sharing Equipment, Supplies, and Electronics

- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high-touch materials (art supplies, equipment, etc.) to the extent practicable or limit use of supplies and equipment to one group at a time and clean and disinfect between uses.

- Avoid sharing electronic devices and other equipment as much as practicable.

- Event activities such as photobooths should be wiped down and cleaned after each use.

Vendors

- All vendors will need to comply with the COVID-19 Professional Visitor and Safety Guidelines.

Communication

- In-person events should display health and safety reminders in prominent locations, as well as any applicable warnings, as appropriate. Event organizers are encouraged to communicate to participants in advance of and, as applicable, during the event.

- Event organizers should communicate information about the following to attendees: the university’s COVID policy, handwashing, respiratory etiquette and hygiene, and encouraging those who are feeling unwell (or who are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or who have tested positive for COVID-19 and have not yet been released to return to normal activities) not to attend or to participate in the event virtually (if applicable).

- Event organizers should consider providing additional messaging through websites, social media channels, ticket purchasing sites, emails and push notifications, mobile apps, signage, event registration and check-in, and event organizers and volunteers.