



A Guide to Returning to Parish Operations and Ministry

PARISH FESTIVALS

Outdoor festivals are allowed effective July 1, 2021, following all requirements, restrictions, guidelines, and safety protocols established by the CDC, your local municipality, and local health departments. See the [CDC's Large Events FAQs](#) for assistance.

1. Develop a COVID-19 safety plan for the festival
2. Submit and get approval (if necessary) from your local health department and municipality
3. Send a copy of your safety plan to Molly at Catholic Mutual Group and to Brad Berghouse, Chief Operating Officer for the Archdiocese.

Any food service should follow established food service protocols for safety, distancing, sanitizing, etc., set by the health department. Take out or outdoor food service preferred.

Your festival plan should give consideration to cleaning protocols, volunteer and worker safety, monitoring attendance, distancing, and crowd control. You should also assess what volunteers may or may not be willing to work due to the pandemic, as well as who may or may not be a patron of the festival due to the pandemic. Festivals may not attract the same level of attendance as they have in the past.

Contracts signed for the Festival should have the COVID-19 clause:

Neither Party to this Agreement shall be liable for failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement, nor shall any cancellation penalties apply, if the event that is the subject of this Agreement is canceled and/or either Party is unable to perform its obligations due to reasons relating to COVID-19, including but not limited to, restrictions on the size or type of gatherings promulgated by local, state, and/or federal government agencies and/or the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

For additional information please refer to the Catholic Mutual Group 2021 Festival and Large Event materials. As this is the case with the Catholic Comeback, this is subject to change and we will continue to monitor and update as necessary.