

Spring 2021 Rules for Student Groups (Updated Feb. 1, 2021)

These rules govern **in-person activity that can be organized and/or funded by your student organization in Spring 2021**. The goal is to continue to foster community engagement while reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Guidance is based on current university and city/state policies. If these policies change during the semester, the guidelines for student organizations may also change.

- **Student group activities (for all undergraduate, graduate, and professional students) must be hosted primarily virtually.**
  - This includes, but is not limited to, regular meetings, practices, rehearsals, interviews, auditions, etc. of any size.
  - Virtual events enable you to be as inclusive as possible for students located all over the world and students on campus who may want to be cautious about their personal interactions. They also remove the restriction of planning based on a space reservation.
  - The Office of Student Affairs offers free event-specific access to Zoom Webinars and Blue Jeans Events, which can host up to 1000 participants at a time, along with training in using them and planning a successful virtual event.
- **A very limited number of in-person events will be considered for approval.**
  - In-person event requests will be considered only if the event cannot be facilitated virtually **and** appropriate spaces/facilities/personnel are available.
  - They must be approved in advance through the [In-Person Event Request Form](#).
    - Any student group that holds an in-person event or activity not approved in advance through this process will be in violation of the [Student Compact](#) and subject to actions of the Student Compact Review Panel and/or the Office of Student Conduct.
  - Events hosted outdoors will be prioritized for approval.
  - In-person activities may require the presence of a staff advisor and/or Public Health Ambassador.
  - No food or drink may be consumed, and no alcohol can be present, at in-person events. However, student groups can make approved purchases of food to be delivered to students or distributed at an approved in-person event.
    - The approval process for food to be distributed at “grab and go” style events should be initiated through the [In-Person Event Request Form](#).
    - The approval process for food to be delivered to students can be initiated through the [Food Purchase Request Form](#).
  - Food purchases must be pre-approved. Reimbursement requests will not be approved after an event or activity has already been held.
- **Travel using student organization funds will be very limited and must be approved in advance.**
  - The approval process will follow [current university guidelines](#), which state that “very limited University-sponsored travel will be permitted and only as authorized. ... To be authorized, any University-related travel will need to be essential and to facilitate work that can be done in no other way. All travel will require pre-approval.”
  - Student groups are encouraged to use funds identified for travel to support student attendance at virtual academic and professional opportunities.
  - Guests cannot be invited to or hosted on campus in spring 2021 until further notice.