ORGANIZING SOCIAL EVENTS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

During the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers of social events such as weddings, religious functions and parties can play a role in preventing the spread of COVID-19. When planning an event consider:

The guest list:
Large events of more than 250 people should be canceled. People who are at higher risk for severe complications due to COVID-19 should not attend social events of more than 10 people.

Transmission rates:
Check with the appropriate public health departments for COVID-19 transmission rates in your guests' communities. Cancel the event if transmission rates are high.

The venue:
If the venue does not allow for social distancing between guests, it is best to postpone the event until a new location is found. Outdoor venues provide greater ventilation and should be strongly considered.

Food and beverage:
Self-serve buffets should be avoided. Any food service staff will need to be properly trained. If possible, provide food and drinks in individual, prepackaged containers.

Budget:
Added costs will be associated with taking proper safety precautions. An expense list should be created before moving forward with any event planning.

Urgency:
If the event is not urgent or necessary, it is probably best to delay it. Many events can be offered virtually.

For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information and recommendations, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.htm

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