



## CITY OF AUSTIN

# Guidance for Drive-in Concerts

This document provides guidance for the organizers of drive-in concerts. For the purpose of these guidelines, “drive-in concert” includes events that feature pop-up movies rather than music. This guidance does not apply to drive-in movie theaters showing movies in the traditional manner.

### What is a drive-in concert?

A drive-in concert is an outdoor event in which patrons view acts or watch movies from parked vehicles or in close proximity to parked vehicles. Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders, a drive-in concert is allowed under guidelines that facilitate social distancing and minimize in-person contact.

### What requirements apply?

- **Applications and Permits:**
  - Event organizers must comply with all City of Austin special event regulations, including required applications and permitting regulations. An application may be submitted to the Austin Center for Events Application Portal: <http://abc.austintexas.gov/web/permit/index?reset=true>
- **Viewing Arrangements:** In all cases, a minimum of 8 feet must be allotted to each vehicle and each space must be clearly marked.
  - **Patrons view from inside vehicles only.** If patrons are required to view from inside of vehicles, a distance of at least 6 feet must be maintained between the allotted spaces of each vehicle on the driver and passenger sides. A minimum of 18 feet must be maintained between each row of vehicles.
  - **Patrons view from outside of vehicle, with all patrons either sitting on the passenger side of the vehicle or all patrons sitting on the driver side of the vehicle.** The spacing applied to viewing from inside a vehicle applies, except that there must be 12 feet between the allotted spaces between vehicles, 6 feet of which is allotted for viewing and 6 feet allotted exclusively for social distancing.
  - The City may approve other viewing arrangements on a case by case basis.
- **Viewing Activity:**
  - Mingling between patrons from different vehicles is not permitted. No walking around or visiting neighbors.
  - Vehicles must be turned off when parked. Idling is not permitted.
  - Only chairs and blankets are permitted in the outside viewing spaces. Yard games, grills and other traditional tailgating activities are not permitted.
  - Patrons may only leave the vehicle or viewing space to access restrooms.
  - Face coverings are recommended when viewing outside of the vehicle.
- **Ticketing:**
  - On-line ticketing and contact-free venue entry is preferable. If remote ticketing is not available, persons selling or taking tickets must use gloves and face coverings.

- **Food and Beverage Service:**
  - Patrons may place orders for food and beverage service remotely through on-line or telephone ordering. Event organizers may also provide paper menus at the entry point that are retrieved from vehicle windshields by event staff. Event staff will deliver food and beverages to the vehicle. Patrons may not visit concession stands.
- **Communications plan:**
  - A plan for communicating with patrons must be in place. Communications must include information about ticketing procedures, viewing requirements, food and beverage service, social distancing requirements, and prohibited viewing space activities. The plan must identify the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 as identified by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and listed in Exhibit A. The plan must instruct persons with such symptoms not to attend the concert.
- **Enforcement:**
  - At least one event staff person shall continuously monitor for compliance with the social distancing requirements of these guidelines.
- **Hygiene and Sanitation:**
  - At least one portable toilet must be provided for every 15 vehicles. Austin Public Health may approve fewer portable toilets for an event based on factors expected to reduce toilet usage, such as the absence of alcohol sales and the use of event ticketing based individual admittance versus carload. At least 10% of the portable toilets must be accessible to persons with disabilities.
  - For every portable toilet required by these guidelines, at least one hand sanitizing dispenser must be provided within 15 feet of the portable toilet. Portable toilet and sanitizer stations shall be distributed throughout the event site.
  - For every 5.5 portable toilets required by these guidelines, at least one portable handwashing station shall be provided within 15 feet of the portable toilets.
  - Event staff must sanitize high-touch areas in the vicinity of the portable toilets before, during and after the concert.

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **The Centers for Disease Control (CDC): Watch for symptoms**

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

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| ● Fever over 99.6°F or chills                 | ● Headache                   |
| ● Cough                                       | ● New loss of taste or smell |
| ● Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | ● Sore throat                |
| ● Fatigue                                     | ● Congestion or runny nose   |
| ● Muscle or body aches                        | ● Nausea or vomiting         |
|   | ● Diarrhea                   |

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

Source: *The Centers for Disease Control* (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>); fever temperature threshold: *Austin Public Health*