

GUIDANCE FOR GARAGE/YARD/ESTATE SALES

Overview

Under current Chief Medical Officer of Health Orders, businesses and entities are required to:

- implement practices to minimize the risk of transmission of infection among attendees;
- provide procedures for rapid response if an attendee develops symptoms of illness;
- ensure that attendees maintain high levels of sanitation and personal hygiene;
- comply to the extent possible, with the [COVID-19 General Relaunch Guidance](#), this guidance, and any other applicable Alberta Health guidance found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect.aspx>.

This document has been developed to support those who organize garage/yard sales in reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among attendees (including persons running the garage/yard sale, volunteers and patrons). The guidance provided outlines public health and infection prevention and control measures specific to this type of event.

This document and the guidance within it are subject to change and will be updated as needed. Current information related to COVID-19 can be found: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-information.aspx>

COVID-19 Risk Mitigation

General Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Albertans must follow CMOH Orders 05-2020 and 28-2020, which establish legal requirements for quarantine and isolation.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19; with a history of international travel in the last 14 days; or with close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days must remain at home.○ Post signs that instruct those who may have been exposed to COVID-19 not to attend the sale.• Notify attendees of the steps being taken to prevent the risk of transmission, and the importance of their roles in these measures.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Post COVID-19 signage should be posted in highly visible locations.○ “Help prevent the spread” posters are available.• Encourage garage/yard sale attendees to download the ABTraceTogether app.
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate physical distancing by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Using signage, ropes or partitions to create distinct and separate entrances and exits.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Directing traffic flow within the sale using signs, ropes, floor decals, other markers, etc. ○ Limiting attendance to a maximum of 100 people for outdoor sales and 50 people for indoor sales. ○ Encouraging attendees to exit the sale as quickly as possible following their purchase or completion of their visit. ○ Spacing tables to allow two metres of distancing for patrons as they browse items.
<p>Hand Hygiene</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Operators should perform hand hygiene frequently. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with a minimum of 60% alcohol content. ● Wash or sanitize hands before setting out items for sale, before the start of the sale, after each time touching an item an attendee has touched, and after any other activity (e.g. breaks, washroom use). ● Operators should provide a means for attendees to sanitize their hands upon entry to the sale and after a payment is made. ● Wherever possible, discourage the handling of items and goods until after a sale is made. ● Develop strategies to minimize the handling of objects between multiple attendees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operators can assist attendees by demonstrating the quality of an items or how goods work (e.g., starting an electronic or motorized device).
<p>Cleaning and Disinfecting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Frequently clean and disinfect high-touch/shared surfaces and hard-surfaced objects that are handled by attendees. ● Discourage the direct handling of any soft-surfaced items (such as clothing or plush toys), or other items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected.
<p>Operator Personal Care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use the Alberta Health Daily Checklist. ● Self-monitor for symptoms of cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Postpone a sale where household operators are symptomatic or isolating. ● Wear a mask when physical distancing of two meters cannot be maintained. ● Take precautions at the point of sale to reduce the risk of transmission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimize the handling of money

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Perform hand hygiene after handling cash.
Food Handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food service of any kind is strongly discouraged at the sale.