



Travis County 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 near parked vehicles within a designated pod. 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 Travis County regulations, including required applications and permitting regulations. Applications can be picked up at the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office or electronically at the following link:
https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/images/fire_marshall/docs/fm-general-permit-application.pdf
- Applications should be submitted to: specialevents@traviscountytexas.gov
- The entertainment portion of the event shall not exceed four (4) hours in duration.
- The application must be accompanied by a site plan that reflects vehicle placement as outlined in the attached exhibits, fire/emergency access lane, site illumination, restrooms, handwashing station, food vending, and stage or screen placement.
- A detailed safety and security plan must also be submitted with the application and site plan. This plan should include at a minimum: medical plan, security plan, evacuation plan, fire safety plan, traffic plan, severe weather plan, and emergency contact phone numbers.

➤ Viewing Arrangements: In all cases, a minimum of eight (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 six (6) feet must be maintained between the allotted spaces of each vehicle on the driver and passenger sides. A minimum of eighteen (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 a minimum of twelve (12) feet between the allotted spaces between vehicles, six (6) feet of which is allotted for viewing and six (6) feet allotted exclusively for social distancing.
- A perimeter separation barrier shall be provided. The barrier shall be constructed from an approved material, measuring a minimum of two (2) feet in height, outlining the permitted yard space and constructed from an approved material.
- The County 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 within the outside viewing spaces. Yard games, grills and other traditional tailgating activities are not allowed within these areas.
 - Patrons may only leave the vehicle or viewing space to access restrooms.
- **Ticketing:**
 - Online ticketing and contact-free venue entry are preferable. If remote ticketing is not available, persons selling or taking tickets must wear 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 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 specified 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:**
 - Event staff assigned specifically as “Social Distancing Monitors” shall continuously observe compliance with the social distancing requirements. Social Distance Monitors shall be provided at a ratio one per every twenty (20) vehicles.
- **Hygiene and Sanitation:**
 - At least one portable toilet must be provided for every ten (10) vehicles. At least 10% of the portable toilets must be accessible to persons with disabilities.
 - At least one hand sanitizing dispenser must be provided within fifteen (15) feet of every required 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 hand washing station shall be provided within fifteen (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.

* Refer to the following attached Appendixes for further information:

Appendix A: The Centers for Disease Control (CDC): Watch for Symptoms

Appendix B: Vehicle spacing and viewing area depiction #1

Appendix C: Vehicle spacing and viewing area depiction #2

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.

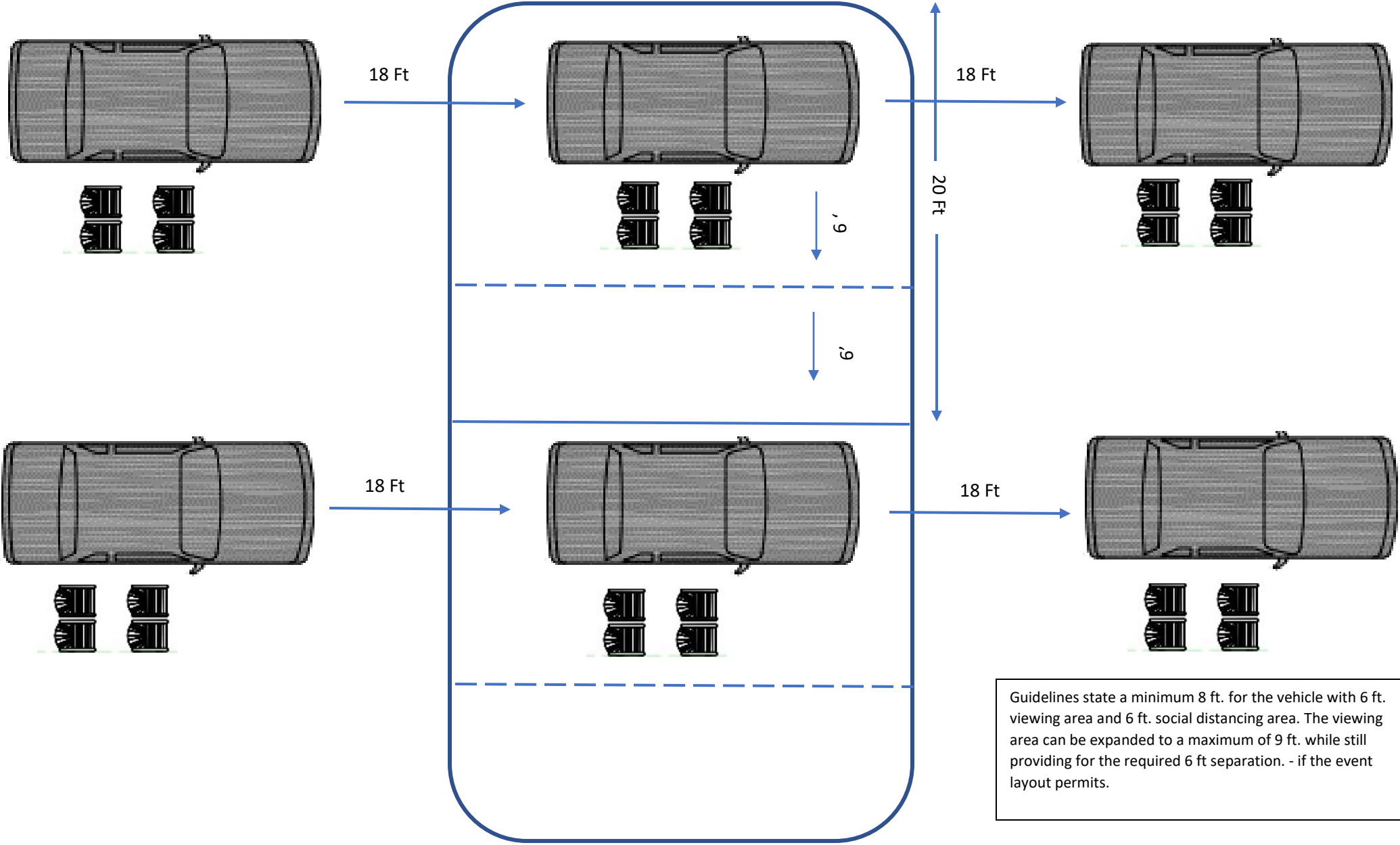
Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID19:

- Fever over 99.6°F or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue • Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- 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.

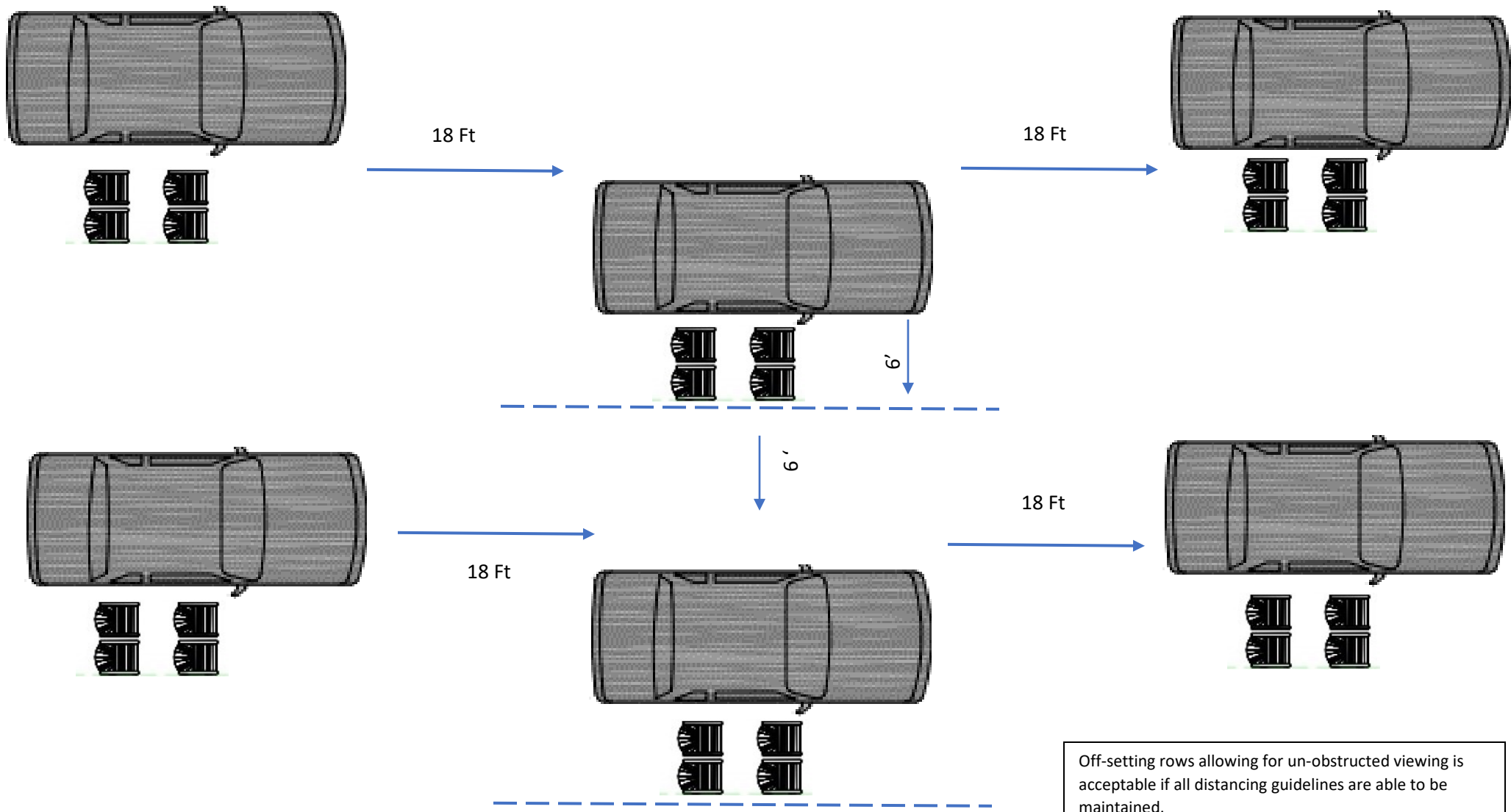
Source: The Centers for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>); fever temperature threshold: Austin Public Health

EXHIBIT B
Travis County Fire Marshal
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Guidelines state a minimum 8 ft. for the vehicle with 6 ft. viewing area and 6 ft. social distancing area. The viewing area can be expanded to a maximum of 9 ft. while still providing for the required 6 ft separation. - if the event layout permits.

EXHIBIT C
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Example of (Staggered Parking)



Off-setting rows allowing for un-obstructed viewing is acceptable if all distancing guidelines are able to be maintained.