

HCR Communicable Disease Policy

Hill Country Region and its Board of Directors recognizes the need to provide our members with events that follow PCA stated guidance and requirements. As such, we will strive to always ensure our events abide by PCA guidance regarding communicable disease and COVID-related issues. That includes following the highest level of restrictions as directed by PCA, whether issued by federal, state, or local governments, or the venues we may utilize to host an event.

SPECIAL NOTE:

HCR has briefed PCA Risk Management contact, Attorney Ken Laborde, and he concurs that for HCR, based on the guidelines in Austin and Travis County, this is the best way to proceed.

Under HCR Policy, and for events held in Travis County, the following would apply:

1. As of December 20, 2021, the City of Austin and Travis County have issued two COVID Stage requirements: one for "vaccinated" and one for "partial or unvaccinated" people. The most restrictive of the two is for "partial or unvaccinated" people; therefore, that is the Stage Chart HCR will follow, until the City of Austin or Travis County provide updates/changes. We will monitor for any updates, and make appropriate revisions, as necessary.
2. In Stages 4 and 5, HCR will conduct no indoor or outdoor gathering events at any venue located in Travis County. Tours / Drives may not start or stop in Travis County.
3. In Stage 3, HCR may conduct indoor and outdoor gathering events in Travis County, with or without food and beverage. However, masks are recommended, along with social distancing. Members will be instructed to determine their personal level of risk, and make their own decisions regarding whether or not to attend an event.
4. HCR will not ask for proof of vaccination, or vaccination status, of members as a condition of event registration or attendance, as per Texas state law. Additionally, HCR will not ask or ascertain personal risk levels of members as a condition of event registration or attendance. It is each members' responsibility to decide whether or not to attend an HCR event gathering.
5. Events may be held in counties outside of Travis County, but only in accordance with the most restrictive guidance or policy for the event location

and venue, if any. Events outside of Travis County will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, to ensure adherence to this policy and that of PCA and any applicable government entity policy.

Risk-Based Chart — Partly Vaccinated or Unvaccinated

* Please continue following additional requirements of local businesses, venues and schools regardless of vaccination status or stage. Schools, hospitals, and long term living centers follow CDC and APH guidelines—or—the regulatory agency’s policy.

	Gatherings With People Outside Your Household*		Travel*	Dining*	Shopping*
	Indoor	Outdoor			
Stage 1					
Stage 2					
Stage 3	 <small>If high risk: avoid unless essential</small>	 <small>If high risk: avoid unless essential</small>	 <small>If high risk: avoid unless essential</small>	 <small>If high risk: avoid unless essential</small>	 <small>If high risk: avoid unless essential</small>
Stage 4			Only if essential	Takeaway/ Curbside	Only if essential
Stage 5				Takeaway/ Curbside	Takeaway/ Curbside



Mask optional, continue washing hands and other hygiene precautions



Not recommended at all, with or without masks



Take prevention measures: wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance following CDC guidelines


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