



NON-ESSENTIAL OUTDOOR GATHERINGS DURING PHASE II 8/10//2020

This protocol governs the size of outdoor, non-essential gatherings. Here, non-essential should be taken to refer to activities whose main purpose is not educational or not made essential by requirements of the core functions of the college. Under this heading, a course held outdoors, an athletic practice, or outdoor gatherings in support of formal activities of the college would be considered “essential,” where outdoor gatherings for entertainment purposes would not.

While in phase II of the State of North Carolina’s COVID management plan, all non-essential outdoor gatherings should be capped at 25 people in a “pod” or “cluster.” Within the pod, social distancing should be practiced, and mask use is encouraged. More than one cluster can exist at any one time outdoors as long as those guiding the cluster ensure that clusters stay separate from each other. Pods or clusters do not have to be overseen by a full-time staff person. An orientation leader, RA or peer advisor can also oversee a pod.

Should the state move from Phase II to Phase III, or should we receive different guidance from the county health department, we will revise this protocol.