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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAFELY HOLDING PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Each local government agency is authorized to determine whether to hold public meetings in person, online (teleconferencing only), or via a combination of methods. The following are recommendations from Amador County Public Health to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission during a public meeting:

1. Online meetings (teleconferencing meetings) are strongly recommended as those meetings present the lowest risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.
2. If a local agency determines to hold in-person meetings, offering the public the opportunity to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option is recommended, when possible, to give those at higher risk of and/or higher concern about COVID-19 an alternative to participating in person.
3. Seating arrangements should allow for staff and members of the public to easily maintain at least six-foot distance from one another at all practicable times.
4. Given the high level of community transmission of COVID-19 in Amador County, everyone is advised to wear a mask indoors when in public, regardless of vaccination status. Unvaccinated persons are still required to be wearing a mask indoors when in public.
5. Anyone who is feeling ill, even with mild symptoms, should not attend in-person meetings but rather self-isolate and get tested for COVID-19.
6. Consider a voluntary attendance sheet with names and contact information to assist in contact tracing of any cases linked to a public meeting.

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