Activities for Connection During COVID-19

Considering Risk When Building Community

As a student organization, or just a group of friends, looking to stay connected and build community, it’s relevant to consider the risk that comes with some common activities. We’re offering these examples to help you make decisions about your planning for fall, and considering your personal comfort with risk. Remember that being physically distant doesn’t mean we have to be socially isolated, but it does mean that prioritizing safety for yourself and others is important.

A good rule of thumb is to defer to the most cautious person in your group and make specific plans that everyone agrees to. Avoiding changing the plan last minute to prevent anyone from getting uncomfortable with unexpected risk.

This is meant to be used as a guide and is not meant to be fully evaluative of each program. That must be done on a case by case basis. Keep in mind, with each of these activities there are factors that can increase risk such as the number of people, the duration of the activity, the number of cases in the region, and the compliance of all participants with public health guidelines. Visit vt.edu/ready for more information and resources about guidelines and expectations for the Virginia Tech community. (Created August 2020)