

PUBLIC FUNCTIONS

Public Functions Information

When you attend an event (e.g. Mayor's Cup, a concert, etc) that has 5,000 or more persons, the Clinton County Health Department is responsible to ensure that emergency services will meet certain standards provided for by Part 18 of the New York State Sanitary Code. These requirements will help to ensure that you or a loved one will obtain proper medical care if you are ill or injured in such an event.

Part 18 provides a mechanism to ensure that emergency services will be provided for the public by properly trained providers. The promoter and the individual or organization who will provide the emergency services for the event must develop an operation plan. The plan outlines the issues of providing emergency care at the event, access to the hospital from the event, emergency resources at the event site, emergency health care facilities, number of emergency medical staff, and required emergency medical service equipment.

What is the Purpose of the NY State Public Function with Attendance of over 5,000 People Code?

This code requires organizers of an event likely to attract 5,000 or more people to make special plans to protect public safety. The developed plan takes into account the size and location of the crowds, the nature and risk of the activities, and specialized medical care. Medical equipment and rescue methods call for a more sophisticated method and approach, than in-house first aid services. This plan develops a medical rescue system from where the person needing medical care is located to transport to the hospital if needed.

What are Some of the Steps Needed to Obtain a Public Function Permit?

The promoter(s) of public functions must complete and submit to Clinton County Health Department for its approval an "Application for a Permit for a Public Gathering" at least five (5) days before the first day of advertising or fifteen (15) days before the first day of the event. It is best to notify the Clinton County Health Department as early as possible by sending us a Notice of Intent Form.

Advertising, promotion or operation of a public function without the applicable permit(s) is a violation of the New York State Sanitary Code and is a violation of the State Law. The Application for a Permit for a Public Gathering form has been organized in such a way to assist the organizer to develop an operational plan for this event.

Typically, the Clinton County Health Department requests the Director of Emergency Services to co-review the permit application for Title 10, Section 800 requirements. After the public gathering, the promoter or the emergency service provider must submit a Public Function Event Report within 10 days of the end of the event.

What are some of the Topics that will be Discussed at My Appointment?

A sanitarian will discuss a number of topics with you. These topics will be the operational plan details, emergency health care facilities, emergency medical service equipment, emergency medical staff requirements, and plan.

If your event serves alcohol, you will be referred to New York State Liquor Authority, local police and fire departments, and the New York State Emergency Management Office to establish crowd control plans including procedures to control the over consumption of alcoholic beverages.

What if My Event has Food Services?

Please, see the food safety section of this website.

What Documentation do I Need to Fill Out to Get Started?

Notice of Intent Application.

Application for a Permit for a Public Function (DOH44).

Public Function Event Report Form (DOH2332-Emergency Medical Services).

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