Porch Fest COVID Mitigation Plan 2023

Porch Fest is a one-day music and arts celebration happening outdoors in Sitka, Alaska, May 20, 2023. On Saturday, there will be music performances happening in three areas (KCAW Carraige House, acoustic stage in front of the Lutheran church, and a busking area in front of Island Artist's Gallery), food trucks, and an art walk with art workshops. Dancers and Sitka Cirque will perform (weather dependent).

The following measures will be taken to work to keep community members and volunteers safe as they enjoy the event:

- All spaces for the event are outdoors.
- We will encourage anyone with symptoms to self-quarantine and to avoid the event.
- Masks will be available to the public if requested at the GSAC table where t-shirts and raffle tickets are being sold.
- For art workshops, tables will be spaced and any re-usable supplies will be wiped down before use by another person or group. There will be a maximum number for each event, based on seating and spacing, to prevent people from being too close together.
- For stages, performers will be at least 10 feet from audience members. Outside location will provide a good amount of natural ventilation.
- Activities associated with Porchfest will be scheduled so that people will be spread out between the three stages and activities happening downtown. This is meant to reduce the number of people at any one activity.
- Food trucks will need to take precautions to ensure the safety of their own employees and customers. Event organizers will touch base with food truck owners to be sure they have a plan for their individual truck.

