

Best Social Distancing Innovation or Solution - 2021

The **Best Social Distancing Innovation or Solution** is defined as a product or solution that stands out as a unique and functional innovation that aligns with the CDC guidelines for caterers/food service providers for COVID-19. **This category is not an award for an event planner or event designer.** The caterer should be responsible for the original concept, design and management of catering production. Excluding the culinary component, the caterer may utilize sub-contracted services to produce the event and achieve their design, as long as, it is the caterer's vision that is being implemented from concept to completion. If the concept is not **TOTALLY** yours, do not enter this category. **The Best Social Distancing Innovation or Solution must have taken place between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2020.**

Entries should be formatted as follows:

1. Include name of the Category, Name of the Product/Event, 100-word maximum synopsis of the entry.
2. A 1000-word maximum description addressing the following:
 - Describe the concept in creating the Social Distancing Innovation or Solution including goals and objectives.
 - Describe the qualities that make this Social Distancing Innovation or Solution appropriate for the event.
 - Detail the production of the Social Distancing Innovation or Solution at the event.
 - Describe any challenges or obstacles and how they were overcome.
3. Collateral to include photographs and any key recipes. Include photos of the Social Distancing Innovation or Solution in production and during service at the event. Maximum number of photos is 10 and they must be at least 300 dpi at 8x10. A collage may be used and will count as one photo.
4. Your entry must be anonymous and without any reference or pictures of your company identifiers. This is a blind judging and judges will score your entry based on your submittal only.

Entry should include copies of the following supporting documents:

- Event Contract (This is required to document your scope of services with the client. Please delete all references to charges and fees for the event in addition to any references to your company.)
- All Design Production Documents
- State Guidelines for COVID-19 Safety

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By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to the official rules and warrants that his or her entry complies with all requirements in the official rules.

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Winners will be chosen by ICA or judges selected by ICA, in their sole discretion. Winners will be notified by ICA. All decisions by ICA and/or the judges are final and binding.

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Judging Criteria and Scoring Values:

- The overall catering concept: **15 points**
- Innovation/Solution Design and how it relates to or impacts the event: **15 points**
- Effectiveness of innovation/solution adhering to CDC Social Distancing Guidelines: **15 points**
- Achievement of goals: **10 points**
- Effectiveness of meeting challenges: **10 points**
- Collateral Documents: **10 points**
- Overall Impression: **25 points**