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## Statewide Reopening Guidance - Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Togethers

**Authority:** Executive Order No. 20-27, ORS 433.441, ORS 433.443, ORS 431A.010

**Applicability:** This guidance applies statewide to gatherings and indoor social get-togethers.

**Enforcement:** To the extent this guidance requires compliance with certain provisions, it is enforceable as specified in Executive Order 20-27, paragraph 26.

**Definitions:** For purposes of this guidance, the following definitions apply:

- **“Gathering”** means a group of individuals meeting for a common purpose including faith-based, civic, cultural and other purposes, indoors or outdoors. A gathering does not include an indoor social get-together.
- **“Indoor social get-together”** means a group of individuals meeting for a common social or recreational purpose indoors. Indoor social get-togethers include but are not limited to indoor dinner parties, birthday parties, graduation parties, celebrations of any kind, potlucks, book clubs, game nights, and other similar indoor gatherings. Indoor social get-togethers do not include gatherings.

### Maximum Capacity Limit:

- For phase 1 counties the maximum capacity for gatherings is:
  - 50 people indoors
  - 50 people outdoors
- For phase 2 counties the maximum capacity for gatherings is:
  - 50 people indoors
  - 100 people outdoors
- Statewide, no matter what phase a county is in, the maximum capacity for an indoor social get-together is:
  - 10 people indoors.

- The maximum capacity limits described in this guidance do not apply to gatherings or indoor social get-togethers at a location covered by other sector-specific Oregon Health Authority (OHA) guidance, as those locations have their own maximum capacity limits and other restrictions. Sector-specific locations to which OHA guidance applies includes, but is not limited to venues, restaurants and bars, retail locations, indoor and outdoor entertainment facilities, fitness related organizations, higher education institutions, schools, and child care programs.

## General:

### To the extent possible operators and organizers of gatherings and indoor social get-togethers should:

- Consider outdoor gatherings when possible.
- Encourage people to stay home if they have COVID-19 symptoms and/or if they are at risk for severe illness (over age 65 or have underlying medical conditions).
- Encourage guests to practice good hand hygiene with frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds or to use hand sanitizer (60-95% alcohol content).
- Encourage guests to cover coughs/sneezes with elbow or tissue. If a guest uses a tissue, they should immediately throw the tissue away in the garbage and wash their hands.
- Encourage guests to avoid touching their face.
- Require guests to use masks, face shields or face coverings. If the [Statewide Mask, Face Shield, Face Covering Guidance](#) applies to the location where the gathering is being held, masks, face shields or face coverings are mandatory. Review [OHA sector-specific guidance](#) for locations where the Statewide Mask, Face Shield, Face Covering Guidance applies.
- Ensure that ventilation systems operate properly. Increase air circulation and ventilation as much as possible by opening windows and doors. In indoor spaces, fans should only be used when windows or doors are open to the outdoors in order to circulate indoor and outdoor air. Do not open windows and doors if doing so poses a safety risk to adults and children.

## Distance and Occupancy:

### Operators of gatherings are required to:

- Determine maximum occupancy of each indoor and outdoor area to maintain the requirement of at least six (6) feet of physical distance between parties, and limit number of individuals on the premises accordingly. Use 35 square feet per person as a guide to determine maximum occupancy.
- Maintain physical distance of at least six (6) feet between people, except that members of the same party can participate in activities, stand in line together and do not have to stay six (6) feet apart. A distance of at least six (6) feet must be maintained between parties.

- Determine seating and or configuration to comply with all physical distancing requirements.
- Assign a physical distancing monitor to ensure compliance with all distancing requirements, including at entrances, exits, restrooms and any other area where people may meet or crowd.
- Do not combine parties or allow shared seating for individuals not in the same party.
- Remove or restrict seating or standing areas to facilitate the requirement of at least six (6) feet of physical distance between parties.
- Prohibit people in different parties from meeting/crowding in any area of the facility, both indoor and outdoor, including in parking lots.
- Configure outdoor space to ensure that parties contain no more than 10 people. For example: do not set tables for more than 10 people at a table or configure concert seating in groups of more than 10 seats.

**Operators of specific sectors must comply with their [sector specific guidance](#).**

## **Cleaning and Disinfection:**

**Operators of gatherings are required to:**

- Thoroughly clean all areas of gathering space prior to reopening after extended closure.
- Thoroughly clean the gathering space between events according to the cleaning and disinfection requirements.
- Use disinfectants that are included on the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) approved list](#) for the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 virus. No product will be labeled for COVID-19 yet, but many products will have a label or information available on their websites about their effectiveness for human coronavirus.
- Assign a sanitation attendant or attendants to frequently clean and disinfect work areas, high-traffic areas, and commonly touched surfaces in areas accessed by workers and attendees/participants.
- Assign a sanitation attendant or attendants to clean restrooms hourly during the event, and ensure adequate sanitary supplies (e.g., soap, toilet paper, 60-95% alcohol-content hand sanitizer) during all events.

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## **Additional guidance for operators of gatherings:**

**Operators of gatherings are required to:**

- Review and implement the [Oregon General Guidance for Employers on COVID-19](#).

- Comply with any applicable [OHA sector guidance](#).
- Post [clear signs](#) listing COVID-19 symptoms, directing employees and attendees/participants with symptoms to stay or return home, and listing who to contact if they need assistance.

## Guidance for Local Governments

Local governments are exempt from the maximum gathering capacity limits in this guidance when conducting government business in government buildings and on government owned or leased property. Local governments must comply with the maximum capacity limits in this guidance when engaging in non-governmental activities in government buildings or on governmental owned or leased properties, such as but not limited to county or city fairgrounds. Local governments must comply with the maximum capacity limits in this guidance when renting or allowing use of government buildings or governmental owned or leased properties for non-governmental activities.

**When hosting social and recreational events or activities, city and county governments are required to:**

- Comply with [Statewide Reopening Guidance - Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Togethers](#) and limit the maximum capacity accordingly, in Phase One counties.
- Comply with the [Phase Two Venue and Event Operators Guidance](#) and limit the maximum capacity accordingly, in Phase Two counties.
- Comply with any other applicable [OHA sector guidance](#), including restaurants and bars guidance.

## Additional Resources:

- [Signs you can post](#)
- [Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance](#)
- [CDC's Guidance for Administrators in Parks and Recreational Facilities](#)

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