



Restrictions

TRAVEL WITHIN NOVA SCOTIA

Can I travel within Nova Scotia? What is necessary travel?

People can travel outside their community only when it is absolutely necessary. Everyone needs to use common sense about what is necessary.

[Necessary travel](#) includes school, work that cannot be done at home, healthcare, childcare, child custody, attending a funeral or end of life visit, complying with a court order, and providing or securing essential products or services (such as food, gas, medications).

What is my community?

Your [community](#) is primarily your municipality. If you live in a larger municipality like HRM, you should consider your community to be no further away from your home than necessary to access essential products and services. For example, if there are several grocery stores or gas stations you could choose from, use the ones that are closest to your home.

For outdoor physical activity, you can travel within your county.

Can I leave my community for a COVID test or for a vaccination appointment?

Testing and vaccine appointments are considered essential travel. If you are making an appointment now, you should try to make it for the location that is closest to your home. If you already have an appointment, you should keep it.

I am moving within Nova Scotia. Can I travel to do this?

Yes, you can move to another community within Nova Scotia.

My work means traveling to many communities. Can I still do this?

We are asking people to only travel if it is absolutely necessary. You need to consider whether this work is absolutely necessary at this time or could it be postponed.

Can child custody agreements continue?

Child custody agreements can continue within Nova Scotia. The child is considered a member of each parent's household. If someone develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, Section 5 of the [child custody protocol](#) must be followed.

SCHOOLS AND DAY CARES

What is happening with schools?

All public and private schools will remain closed to students and at-home learning will continue until at least the end of May. Any questions should be directed to your school or regional centre for education.

Are day cares allowed to be open? Why are they open when schools are closed?

Regulated child-care centres and licensed Family Home Child Care Agencies are open. This is necessary to support healthcare and other essential workers who require childcare in order to work.



Families who have the ability to keep their children home will help create spaces for these essential workers. Parents will not be charged fees if they choose to keep their children at home and they will not lose their spot, when their children, return.

Unregulated or unlicensed child-care settings, such as neighbours or family who care for children, can continue to follow regulated ratios for school aged children; eight children or less per caregiver, including their own. For younger age groups, the ratio is six children or less per caregiver, including their own.

Who do I contact if I need help accessing childcare?

People who are required to work outside the home, such as healthcare workers, who need help accessing childcare supports can contact ECDSERVICES@Novascotia.ca or call 1-877-223-9555.

What are the masking rules for indoor child-care settings? What about schools?

Masks are mandatory for staff, visitors and children who are 2 and older in indoor regulated child-care settings. There is an exemption if a caregiver cannot get a child age 2-4 to wear a mask. This is not required but still strongly recommended in unregulated child care settings.

While all schools are currently closed, masking is now required for all grades in public schools, including pre-primary.

GENERAL GATHERING LIMIT

What is the gathering limit/how many people can you have in your home?

You can only be with people you live with, indoors and outdoors, without physical distancing. Two small households (1-2 people in each) can join together. It needs to be the same 2 households all the time.

If I have a household of 3, can 2 more people join my household bubble?

The gathering limit is not 5 – it is the people you live with. If there are 3 or more people in your household, you cannot add more. You can only join together with one other household of 1-2 people if your own household has 1-2 people.

What if my household is 3 or more and there's someone who really needs support?

If there is someone who really needs support, people need to use their common sense about helping others while ensuring their household bubble stays safe.

What if some of the people are small children or babies, do they count toward the total number of people?

Yes. It doesn't matter how old they are, each person counts.

Can two households of 1-2 people each get together outside the home?

Yes. For example, they could go for a walk together or support each other to get essentials.

Can I still have my neighbour down the street or family in another community look after my children?

For unregulated or unlicensed child-care settings, such as neighbours or family who care for children, they can continue to follow regulated ratios for school aged children; eight children or less per caregiver,



including their own. For younger age groups, the ratio is six children or less per caregiver, including their own.

Can kids get together to play?

Children from different bubbles should not be getting together indoors. If they can play together outside staying 2 metres/6 feet apart, that's ok but people should really try to stick with doing activities within their household bubble. If parents aren't confident that kids can maintain physical distance, they shouldn't allow children from different household bubbles to play together.

Can people get together outdoors with someone who is not in their household bubble?

You cannot have two or three families together for a backyard bbq, for example. You can go for a distanced walk with a neighbour or sit at opposite ends of your deck with a friend, but people should really try to stick with doing activities within their household bubble.

Can people carpool?

Yes, although you should try to only carpool with your household bubble. If you have no other way to get to work, then you can carpool with other people but you need to keep the group consistent and wear masks.

What can you do to keep your household safe?

- Follow basic public health measures:
 - If you are unwell, stay home
 - Practice good hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette
 - Wear a mask when required and anytime physical distancing is a challenge
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth without washing hands first
 - Test tested for COVID-19 regularly
- Understand who is at high-risk/vulnerable and continue to protect them
- Understand your own risk/vulnerability and consider who you are joining a group with
- Maintain physical distancing with anyone outside of your household
- Consider using non-medical masks even when you're not in a place that requires them if there are people in your group who are at higher risk

GATHERING LIMIT FOR EVENTS

Are any community events allowed right now?

We are not permitting events of any kind. That means, for example, no wedding receptions, no funeral visitations/receptions, no community meals or fundraising events, no parties, no sports, no festivals, no special events, no concerts.

Can there be church services or other faith gatherings?

There can be no faith gatherings.

Are weddings and funerals allowed right now?

Wedding and funeral ceremonies are limited to 5, plus the officiant. This is the limit no matter where it is held and no matter who hosts it. There can be no receptions or visitations associated with weddings and funerals at this time.

BUSINESSES

Does the gathering limit apply to my retail business/office workplace, etc?

Gathering limits do not apply to businesses. Businesses and workplaces need to ensure employees and customers can maintain 2 metres/6 feet physical distance. So the number of people in the space will vary from business to business. If your space is too small for physical distancing, then you can have no more than 5 clients or customers on the premises at a time.

What's the limit for a business meeting or training? Is physical distancing required?

There can be no meetings or training except for mental health and addictions support groups which can have 10 people with physical distance and masks. Meetings and training that are required for safety and essential operation are allowed, such as at daily meetings at a construction site.

What about things like shift meetings?

Toolbox talks, shop floor meetings, shift operations meetings and similar daily planning sessions that relate to operational activities in the workplace are still permitted. These quick, start of shift meetings are common in construction, manufacturing, and other similar work environments. They are intended to review planned work and emphasize important aspects, including safety, of the operations that day. They are a normal and integral part of the work process for these industries and are not considered workplace meeting under the order.

In what parts of a workplace do people have to wear masks?

Masks are mandatory in most [indoor public places](#) – many of which are also workplaces such as bars, restaurants, stores, gyms and more. Masks are also mandatory in private indoor workplaces provincewide (such as offices or warehouses) in all common areas, areas where there is interaction with the public, areas with poor ventilation, and areas where distance cannot be maintained.

Are bars and restaurants allowed to open?

Restaurants and bars can offer takeout, delivery and drive through service only. Hotel restaurants can be open for seated service for hotel guests only. Guests who are in quarantine can not go to the hotel restaurant but can get room service.

Are the casino, VLTs and First Nations gaming centres allowed to operate?

Casino Nova Scotia in Halifax and Sydney, VLTs and First Nations gaming centres are closed.

What are the restrictions for indoor recreation and leisure businesses? What are some examples?

Businesses that offer indoor recreation activities are closed. Some examples include make your own pottery café, rage room, escape room, trampoline facilities, indoor rock climbing, places to play board games, children's play places, dance classes, and music lessons. Staff could use their business premises to offer virtual sessions with no more than 5 people in one location.

What about outdoor recreation and leisure businesses like fitness classes, shooting ranges, golf courses, putting ranges, go-carts, and outdoor adventure?

Outdoor fitness and recreation businesses and organized clubs can operate with a maximum of five people and physical distancing. People can go inside these facilities briefly to pay if necessary. When activities are offered on the business's premises, there can be multiple groups of 5 that are distanced from each other.



Can you still order alcohol on the green of a golf course? Are physical distance and masks required on the green?

If the green is licensed, we would consider food or alcohol service on the green to be delivery service. Physical distance is required among people who are not in the same household (or 2 small household bubble). That means only players from the same household would be able to share a golf cart. Masks are not required on the green.

How are fitness and recreation facilities operating?

Indoor fitness facilities (like gyms and yoga studios) and recreation facilities (like pools, arenas, tennis courts, and large multipurpose recreation facilities) are closed. Staff can use the facilities to offer virtual sessions with no more than 5 people in one location.

Outdoor fitness and recreation businesses and organized clubs can operate with a maximum of five people and physical distancing. People can go inside these facilities briefly to pay if necessary. When outdoor activities are offered on the business's premises, there can be multiple groups of 5 that are distanced from each other.

Can hotel, condo and apartment building gyms and pools be open?

Hotel gyms and pools can only be open to guests who are not in quarantine. Use is by appointment only for one person at a time or people from a single room.

Gyms and pools in apartment and condo buildings can be open only to people who live there. These are common areas so masks are required except while in the pool or doing exercise that makes wearing a mask difficult. Building managers should consider setting up an appointment system for using these facilities similar to our requirement for hotels.

Can personal services businesses be open, like hair salons, barbers and spas?

Personal services businesses are closed.

Can retail stores operate?

Most retail businesses that sell products cannot allow customers in their premises but may remain open for online, delivery, doordside or curbside pick-up services.

How many people from a household can go into a retail business?

Only one person per household can enter a retail business that are allowed to be open for in-person shopping. These stores must impose a limit of one shopper per household. Exceptions will be made for children and caregivers.

What stores can allow people inside?

Retail stores can have customers come inside if they primarily offer products and services that are essential to the life, health or personal safety of people and animals. They can operate at 25% capacity and can ONLY sell these essential products:

- food
- pharmaceutical products, medicine and medical devices
- personal hygiene products
- cleaning products
- baby and child products
- gas stations and garages



- computer and cellphone service and repair
- electronic and office supplies
- hardware supplies and home appliances
- pet and animal supplies
- gardening supplies
- workplace safety supplies
- automobile purchases (by appointment only)
- laundromats

These types of businesses must also:

- Ensure customers and staff can maintain physical distance (2 metres/6 feet apart)
- Customers must maintain physical distance and wear non-medical masks when lined up to enter a retail business – both indoors and outdoors
- The business cannot play music louder than 50 decibels so that normal conversation is possible

What's the definition of a retail business?

A retail business is one that engages in the retail sale or rental of items to the public on ongoing basis at a fixed location.

If I have reached my store's maximum occupancy, there isn't enough room for everyone to stay 2 metres/6 feet apart. What should I do?

In this case, you set a lower limit on the number of people who are on the premises at a time to ensure physical distancing.

Are there rules for shopping malls?

Malls can be open for retail businesses that are allowed to be open at 25% as well as for any businesses that want to provide curbside (ie at their entrance inside the mall) pickup service. In addition to the retail rules outlined above, the following is also required for malls:

- No more than 10 people at a time can line up at a retail business inside the mall and they must maintain physical distance
- People are not permitted to loiter in any area of the mall
- Directional markings are provided to manage the flow of people within the mall
- Furniture in common areas of the mall is removed or inaccessible
- Non-retail public areas in the mall must be closed, other than public washrooms, breastfeeding stations, and hallways that give access to stores
- The mall cannot play music louder than 50 decibels so that normal conversation is possible

Can stores that sell some essential products as well as other products be open?

Retail stores that sell essential items can remain open to in-person sales at 25% capacity but the essential good(s) they sell must be their primary product line. We are not restricting what these stores sell but we are asking Nova Scotians to only shop for essentials.

Stores that primarily sell non-essential products like clothing, shoes or furniture cannot provide in-person sales but they can provide online, delivery, doorside or curbside pick-up services.



Is NSLC the only place to buy alcohol?

NSLC and its agency stores can operate at 25%. Private wine stores, breweries and distilleries can also operate at 25% for retail sales, but they cannot serve anyone or have tastings on site.

Do farm farmers markets and flea markets have to close?

If the market is not a regular daily or weekly operation, they are considered special events which are not permitted until at this time.

These markets are only considered retail operations if they have regular hours every day or week, the majority of their vendors are always the same, and the market serves as their retail outlet. If they provide essential products (see above), they can operate at 25% capacity, including vendors and customers, and ONLY sell essential products. They need a COVID-19 prevention plan. Physical distancing and masks are required.

Can service-based businesses like banks still operate?

Services like banks, lawyers and accountants can remain open for people to come in person. However, there are often virtual ways of doing these types of things and that is encouraged.

Can doctor and dentist offices be open? What about other health professions like massage therapy or physiotherapy?

Both regulated and unregulated health professions can remain open, following their sector's COVID prevention plan. This includes doctors, dentists, physiotherapists, massage therapists, etc.

Can a massage therapist who works in a spa operate?

A massage therapist can operate within their space of a spa following their sector's COVID prevention plan, while the rest of the facility remains closed.

Can dog grooming, daycares and training businesses operate?

Dog grooming and daycares services can continue to operate. Owners need to ensure physical distancing and avoid crowds so they should consider staggering appointments and arrival/departure times. The safest approach would be to have owners drop off/pick up their dogs for these services without coming inside.

Dog training/obedience classes would be considered a form of recreation. These businesses can operate outdoors with a maximum of 5 people.

Can car dealerships sell cars in a normal way?

Car dealerships can allow customers into their showrooms by appointment only (no walk-ins) with a limit of 25% capacity. Public health measures must be followed, including masking and physical distancing of at least 2 metres/6 feet. Test drives can be done by customers only, without staff in the vehicle, and the vehicle must be thoroughly cleaned afterwards. All customer transactions must be conducted in open showroom areas, and not in cubicles or small offices.

This does not extend to businesses that sell other vehicles like RVs, boats, ATVs, etc. They cannot be open for in-person service at this time.

Can photographers continue to work?

Photographers cannot offer services indoors but they can outdoors with physical distancing. Their



clients must respect the gathering limit (ie only people in the same household can be together, or two smaller households of 1-2 people each that have bubbled together).

Can driving schools operate?

Driving schools cannot operate at this time. That applies to both classroom and practice driving sessions.

Can you have a cleaner come into your home? What about a nanny? What about a plumber, electrician or other service provider?

These types of service providers can enter your home if necessary. People should wear masks, maintain physical distance where possible, and clean high touch surfaces frequently.

Can a landlord show an apartment unit? Can a realtor show a home?

If there is a virtual option to show the property, that would be ideal. If not, they can still show the property. If tenants are concerned, they could leave an apartment unit while it's being shown. Everyone needs to wear masks and maintain physical distance. High touch surfaces should be cleaned frequently. There is some [further guidance](#) on the website.

ACTIVITIES

What are the restrictions for sports and for arts and culture?

There can be no sports practices, training, games, competitions or tournaments and no arts and culture rehearsals or performances.

Can there be spectators for sports and for arts and culture performances?

There are no activities for spectators to attend in-person. There can be virtual gatherings and performances with a limit of 5 people involved. Masks and physical distancing are required.

Since in-person performances are not permitted, can I do them virtually?

Virtual gatherings and performances can be held with a maximum of five people in one location. Masks and physical distancing are required.

What are the restrictions for school-bases sports and performance arts?

School-based sport and performance arts are following the same rules as non-school sports and performance arts. There can be no sports practices, training, games, competitions or tournaments and no arts and culture rehearsals or performances.

School gyms are closed for community use. Field trips have stopped. All school-organized activities that bring students from different schools together, such as sports and music, have been stopped.

What is the limit for beer leagues and pick-up games and practices?

There can be no sports practices, training, games, competitions or tournaments and no arts and culture rehearsals or performances.

Can after school programs still happen? What's considered an after school program?

After school programs offer care for children from Primary to Grade 6, five days a week for the entire school year. See more in the [Before and After School Programs Guidelines](#). These restrictions don't close after school programs. However, with schools provincewide doing at-home learning, there is no need for after school programs at this time.



Can people get together to play darts, cards, pool, bowling, bingo or karaoke?

Licensed establishments and unlicensed establishments (such as community centres and charities) cannot host these activities at this time.

Can libraries, museums or the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia be open?

Museums, libraries and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia are closed, but libraries can offer pick-up and drop-off of books and other materials.

Can there be overnight/sleepover camps such as for Girl Guides or children with disabilities?

We stopped these types of overnight summer camps for youth early in the pandemic. They are still not be permitted for the time being and we recently updated the public health order to reflect this. This does not affect regular camping at campgrounds. It does not affect businesses that offer things like retreats or tours.

Does the general gathering limit apply to day cares, day camps or before and after school programs?

No, the limit of 15 without physical distancing remains in place for these settings. However, with all schools doing at-home learning at this time, there would be no day camps or after school programs running.

How many people can be at a playground? Can 10 kids be in close contact at a playground?

The gathering limits do not apply to people going to parks, beaches, trails, playgrounds, etc for recreation. You should primarily stick to your own household when you go to these places.

Children at a playground should not spontaneously form a group.

Masks are now mandatory outdoors where physical distancing cannot be maintained, including playgrounds and parks.

Are parks, trails and beaches open?

Yes, parks, trails and beaches are open. You are allowed to travel within your county to access them.

Can people go to a campground or to their cottage?

If there is a campground within your community or if your cottage is in your community, you can go. However, most people's cottages are not in the same community where they live.

Are there any restrictions to camping and/or use of provincial parks?

Some provincial camping parks are scheduled to start opening May 21 with other parks opening by June 4. We continue monitoring conditions and will adjust our COVID-19 restrictions based on the current public health guidance. Visit the [provincial parks website](#) for the most up-to-date information for campers.

Can people do door-to-door canvassing? Can they do this for the census?

If this activity can be avoided, it should be. The census is an important national process managed by the federal government. Their website says:

Census employees must wear a mask and practise physical distancing, in accordance with guidelines from public health authorities. Statistics Canada will do everything it can to get Canadians to respond to



the census without an in-person visit from a census employee. In-person visits will take place only when other options (e.g., online, by phone) are not available. If you have further questions, you should contact Statistics Canada.

COMPLIANCE

What should I do if there's a large informal gathering like a house party or other rules being broken?

If you have a concern about a particular instance of public health measures not being followed, you can call your local non-emergency police number. Each person at an illegal event can be fined \$2000.

What should I do if rules aren't being followed at a business?

If you have concerns about how a business is operating, you could speak with the manager. If you feel it's necessary, you could contact the Safety Division at the Department of Labour and Advanced Education at 1-800-952-2687 or LAESafetybranch@novascotia.ca.

What should I do if I'm concerned about my employment rights in relation to the pandemic?

You can contact the Labour Standards division at the Department of Labour and Advanced Education at 1-888-315-0110 or LabourStandards@novascotia.ca.

CONTINUING CARE

Can a long-term care resident go to their family's home for a visit? Can family visit a resident in their facility?

There can be no visitors in long-term care facilities except for designated care providers. Long-term care residents cannot have visits to the community.

All adult residential centres and regional rehabilitation centres licensed by the Department of Community Services cannot have visitors and residents cannot have community access.

Across the province, each long-term care resident can have 2 designated caregivers and facilities. Residents can only leave their facilities for medical/dental appointments.

Across the province, the same is generally true for adult residential centres and regional rehabilitation centres licensed by the Department of Community Services.

Why can't there be any visitors? Why are designated caregivers allowed and not visitors?

We understand it's hard for residents when they can't have visits with their families. However, we need to keep COVID-19 out of long-term care facilities. We have seen what can happen if we don't.

Designated caregivers are actually providing necessary care to residents. They are not just visiting. That is why they are allowed to continue spending time with residents.

Can adult day programs operate?

Community-based adult day programs for seniors cannot operate at this time.

Adult day programs for people with disabilities funded by the Department of Community Services are also closed, except for 3 of these programs that have scheduled vaccine clinics.



EVENTS ARE NOT CURRENTLY PERMITTED. The following answers give an indication of what MIGHT be allowed once restrictions are lifted.

Can there be graduation ceremonies?

Schools will be able to host in-person graduation ceremonies this year. Students, staff and families will be able to gather in small groups, in schools, to recognize student achievement and success. They will have guidelines to ensure gathering limits and public health protocols will be followed. More information is being shared with schools. Any questions about these ceremonies should be directed to the school.

Can there be proms and other end of year celebrations?

Schools will not be hosting any proms or dances. If parents or community members want to do this, they have to ensure they follow all public health guidelines, including gathering limits. They can choose to engage a recognized business or organization to host an event with 50% of an indoor venue's capacity to a maximum of 100 or 150 maximum outdoors. There will be no exceptions for larger gatherings.

If the event is hosted by a recognized business or organization at a place like a church, hotel, rental hall or other facility that hosts events as part of its operations, there are [event guidelines](#) and [guidelines for venues and facilities](#) that should be followed.

If the event is at a person's private property (such as at home), the [guidelines for events at private properties](#) must be followed.

Without a recognized business or organization hosting the event, the informal gathering limit applies. You should follow our [guidance for holidays and celebrations](#).

Because things can evolve quickly in a pandemic, please check for updates to guidelines and other public health measures in the coming weeks and months leading up to your event and be prepared to adapt as necessary.

Can people have backyard weddings and other events at home?

When private, invitation only events that are hosted by a recognized business or organization at a private property (such as a home, cottage, AirB&B), they must follow the [guidelines for events at private properties](#).

Without a recognized business or organization hosting the event, the informal gathering limit applies. That includes the officiant. You should follow our [guidance for holidays and celebrations](#).

Because things can evolve quickly in a pandemic, please check for updates to guidelines and other public health measures in the coming weeks and months leading up to your event and be prepared to adapt as necessary.

Can someone call themselves a wedding planner just for one family wedding in order to have the bigger limit?

They could if they want to take on full responsibility for ensuring that everyone at the event follows all the public health. They would also have to follow business and tax laws.



If I rent a space for an event like a wedding but I do all the work myself, how many people can attend?

If you are renting a space from a recognized business or organization, then that business/organization takes on responsibility for ensuring that everyone at the event follows all the public health measures.

Given that they are taking on this responsibility, you can have 150 outdoors or 50% of capacity to a maximum of 100 indoors. The business/organization should be aware of its responsibilities and ensure it has a solid contract with the renters.

If the owner of the space does not want to take on this responsibility, they should not rent the space. The owner of the space or a wedding planner cannot ask clients to sign a waiver absolving them of this responsibility.

How can a person plan a wedding or other event if the rules keep changing?

We understand it is challenging to plan an event. However, we are in the middle of a pandemic. This situation demands that we respond quickly to changing epidemiology in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. That means the public health measures will continue to change to keep people safe and even save lives. If it is possible to postpone your event until after the pandemic, that will give you more certainty to make plans. If you choose to keep planning your event during the pandemic, there will be a risk of the rules disrupting your plans.

Does an event venue have to follow the sector plans for restaurants and bars?

If the venue holds a permanent food establishment permit, it must follow the RANS reopening plan. For licensed events serving alcohol, the protocols for licensed establishments must be followed, as outlined in the public health order. Events must stop any food or alcohol service by 11 p.m. and end by midnight.

Does the gathering limit include the workers at an event?

Generally, no, they are in their workplace which is not subject to the gathering limit unless the event is held at a [private property](#). However, if the space is too small for physical distancing, such as a kitchen in a firehall, then there can be no more than 10 workers in the space at a time and they must practice physical distancing as much as possible. Service providers are included in the gathering limits when the event is a private property like a person's home.

My business rents a room for weddings and parties and our maximum capacity is 150. Since the indoor limit is 100, can I have 100 guests in that room?

No, the order allows gatherings of 50% of capacity up to a maximum of 100 people with physical distancing. So 50% of your capacity is 75 people.

My business rents a room for weddings and parties and our maximum is 300. Since the limit is 50% of capacity, can I have 150 guests in that room?

No, the order allows gatherings of 50% of capacity up to a maximum of 100 people with physical distancing. While 50% of your capacity is 150 people, you can only have a maximum of 100.

If bars and restaurants host events (like a concert or a wedding reception) do they follow the gathering limit of 50% of capacity to a maximum of 100 people?

No, when hosting events, bars and restaurants continue to follow the rules and plans for their sectors.



How can major sports events have spectators if the indoor limit is 100?

Several large facilities in the province have previously approved plans for hosting events with multiple groups that are kept separate. These facilities can resume operating with a limit of 150 people per group outdoors or 50% of capacity to a maximum of 100 indoors. Each group has their own entrance/exit, washroom and concessions. We're currently giving Centre 200 a limit of 150 per group indoors.

What happens if a game goes into overtime?

A sport event hosted by a business or organization can continue beyond midnight if the natural course of events leads to extended time of play such as overtime, but food and alcohol service must still stop at 11 p.m.

How do people know what is considered a recognized business or organization?

People have to use common sense. For example, a hotel is a recognized business that can host events like fundraisers or weddings in its ballrooms. A church is a recognized organization that can host faith gatherings of various types, as well as weddings and funerals. A theatre is a recognized business that can host performances.

Could organizers of a concert or church service or any other type of gathering set up seating in groups of 10 since physical distancing with that size group isn't required?

Businesses and organizations should not set up seating for groups of 10 and randomly seat people together. If you're hosting a concert or a church service or any other type of gathering, you should accommodate people who have formed a group of 10, but you also need to accommodate people who are not in a group of 10 or who are in a smaller group.

Where can I find more information about safe gatherings?

Here are some useful resources for gatherings and events:

- [Guidance for holidays and celebrations](#)
- [Event guidelines](#)
- [Guidelines for venues and facilities](#)
- [Guidelines for events at private properties](#)