Effective Date: May 20, 2021

**Sector Guidance - Gatherings**

**Authority:** Executive Order No. 20-66, ORS 433.441, ORS 433.443, ORS 431A.010

**Applicability:** This guidance applies statewide to at-home and social gatherings.

**Note:** The Interim Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals applies to this Sector Guidance. Hosts of indoor at-home and social gatherings may permit fully vaccinated individuals to enter without masks or face coverings in accordance with the Interim Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals.

**Note:** The Statewide Masks, Face Covering, Face Shields Guidance was revised on May 18, 2021, loosening some mask requirements. Hosts of indoor at-home and social gatherings are not required to comply with mask, face covering, or face shield restrictions in this Sector Guidance to the extent they are more restrictive than the requirements in the revised Statewide Masks, Face Covering, Face Shields Guidance. For example, if this Sector Guidance refers to a requirement to wear a mask outdoors, the requirement has been superseded by the Statewide Masks, Face Covering, Face Shields Guidance and is no longer effective.

**Enforcement:** To the extent this guidance requires compliance with certain provisions, it is enforceable as specified in Executive Order No. 20-66, paragraph 10.

**Definitions:** For purposes of this guidance, the following definition applies:

- **“At-home gathering”** means individuals getting together at a residence, whether indoors or outdoors, for any purpose.

- **“Social gathering”** means individuals getting together for a social purpose anywhere.

**At-Home and Social Gatherings**

Hosts of indoor at-home and social gatherings are required to:

- Follow the indoor gathering limits for the level of risk designated for their specific county:
  - Extreme Risk: Limit the gathering to no more than six people, indoor.
  - High Risk: Limit the gathering to no more than six people, indoor.
  - Moderate Risk: Limit the gathering to no more than eight people, indoor.
- Lower Risk: Limit the gathering to no more than 10 people, indoor.
- Comply with the Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance.

Hosts of indoor at-home and social gatherings should, but are not required to:

- Follow the recommended household\(^1\) limits based on the designated level of risk for their specific county:
  - Extreme Risk: Limit the gathering to no more than one additional household.
  - High Risk: Limit the gathering to no more than one additional household.
  - Moderate Risk: Limit the gathering to no more than one additional household.
  - Lower Risk: Limit the gathering to no more than three additional households.

Hosts of outdoor at-home and social gatherings are required to:

- Follow the outdoor gathering limits based on the designated level of risk for their specific county:
  - Extreme Risk: Limit the gathering to no more than six people, outdoor.
  - High Risk: Limit the gathering to no more than eight people, outdoor.
  - Moderate Risk: Limit the gathering to no more than 10 people, outdoor.
  - Lower Risk: Limit the gathering to no more than 12 people, outdoor.
- Comply with the Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance.

Hosts of outdoor at-home and social gatherings should, but are not required to:

- Follow the outdoor household\(^1\) limits based on the designated level of risk for their specific county:
  - If a county is designated as extreme risk, a gathering should be limited to no more than one additional household\(^1\).

Hosts of indoor and outdoor at-home and social gatherings are required to:

- If there are both indoor and outdoor at-home or social gatherings occurring at the same time, ensure that in total the number of people does not exceed the number allowed at an indoor at-home or social gathering for the designated risk level in the county where the gathering is located.

\(^1\) A household that contains more than number of people that is allowed is not required to reduce its household to but may not gather with others from another household if the limit will be exceeded.
Hosts of indoor and outdoor at-home and social gatherings should, but are not required to:

- Wear masks, face coverings, face shields when around individuals outside of their household when at private residences.
- 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.
- 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.

Additional Resources:

- Signs you can post
- Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Guidance
- Interim Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals

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