



# Reopening Guidance FAQs

## Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Togethers

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Below are answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) [Statewide Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Together Guidance](#). OHA provides these FAQs to help the public understand the guidance, to respond to stakeholder questions, and to clarify how the guidance may apply in specific scenarios. These FAQs may be intermittently updated. The FAQs are not intended to take the place of the guidance, but rather to interpret, supplement and provide details of the guidance.

**Q1: Can you please provide an interpretation or guidance on what is considered a 'civic gathering'?**

**A1:** A civic gathering is a group of people coming together to address an issue of public concern, such as a school board or town hall meeting.

**Q2: If a location has both indoor and outdoor spaces, can there be multiple gatherings in both spaces with the maximum number of people per each gathering?**

**A2:** The maximum occupancy limits can be applied to each separate space if:

- the attendees in the separate spaces have no contact, including no shared bathrooms; *and*
- there are separate entrances and exits for each gathering.

**Q3: What is the guidance for protests?**

**A3:** Protests are civic gatherings and must follow the maximum capacity for gatherings for the Phase that the county is in.

**Q4: What is the guidance for an outdoor wine walk where a group of people walk to different businesses?**

**A4:** While on the wine walk, participants must follow the [Statewide Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Together Guidance](#). If participants enter businesses that have applicable OHA guidance (for example, restaurants or retail stores), they must follow the guidance that applies to that business.

**Q5: Does the gatherings limit for 50 people indoor and 50 people outdoor mean 50 total?**

A5: If two separate gatherings are happening at the same time, one indoor and one outdoor, each gathering may have up to 50 people. The attendees at the separate gatherings must not have contact with one another, including no shared bathrooms and must use separate entrances and exits.

If there is one event happening that has both indoor and outdoor facilities, no more than 50 people may be in either space at any given time.

**Q6: What is the gatherings limit for funerals?**

A6: In Phase One, the maximum capacity limit for gatherings is 50 people indoor, 50 people outdoor. In Phase Two, the maximum capacity limit for gatherings is 50 people indoor, 100 people outdoor. In Phase Two, if a funeral takes place in a venue or event space (and has food served, shared facilities, etc.), the Phase Two Venue and Event Guidance would apply (and allow up to 100 people indoor and 250 outdoor, but not to exceed 250 total).

**Q7: Venues in Phase Two allow 100 people inside or 250 people outside, but also have to follow Gatherings order, which is 50 people inside or 100 people outside. Can you clarify?**

A7: The maximum capacity limits described in the [Statewide Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Together Guidance](#) do not apply to gatherings or indoor social get-togethers that take place 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. Specific sectors for which OHA guidance applies include, but are not limited to venues, restaurants and bars, retail locations, indoor and outdoor entertainment facilities, fitness related organizations, higher education institutions, schools, and childcare programs.

**Q8: Are weddings considered to be indoor social get-togethers or gatherings?**

A8: Weddings are gatherings and must follow the maximum gathering size limit for the Phase that the county is approved. If the wedding is held at a venue in a Phase Two county, then the wedding must follow the [Phase Two Venue and Event Operators Guidance](#). In Phase One, weddings must follow the Gatherings and Indoor Social Get-Together Guidance.

**Q9: Do schools have to follow OHA's gatherings guidance?**

A9: No. Schools must follow the Oregon Department of Education [Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance for School Year 2020-21](#).

**Q10: Do churches have to follow the gatherings guidance for regular services, or can they follow the venue and events guidance?**

A10: Churches located in Phase One counties must follow the [Statewide Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Together Guidance](#) for regular services. Churches located in Phase Two counties may follow the [Phase Two Venue and Event Operators Guidance](#) for regular services.

**Q11: What guidance should peer recovery meetings (e.g. Alcoholics Anonymous) follow in Phase One and Phase Two?**

A11: Peer recovery meetings must follow two sets of guidance:

1. The OHA sector guidance, if applicable, based on the location of the meeting. For example, meetings that occur in someone's home must follow the indoor social get-togethers guidance. Meetings held at a church must follow the gatherings guidance in Phase One and the venue and event guidance in Phase Two. You can find a list of different sectors that locations may fall under [here](#).
2. The [Statewide Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Together Guidance](#).

**Q12: Do game room operators, like for poker, bunco and bingo, have to follow the gatherings guidance or are these indoor social get-togethers?**

A12: If a game room operator is holding poker, bunco or bingo games, those would not be considered indoor social get-togethers. Therefore, the [Statewide Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Together Guidance](#) would apply. For non-tribal card rooms in a Phase Two county located in a venue or restaurant or bar, for example, the specific sector guidance would apply.

**Q13: Which guidance do fraternal organizations follow for gathering limits? Is a meeting at an Elks Lodge considered an indoor social get-together?**

A13: A meeting at an Elks Lodge is not an indoor social get-together and must follow the maximum capacity limits outlined in [Statewide Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Together Guidance](#) for the county in which the Lodge is located.

If a fraternal organization operates food and alcohol service, it must also follow the [Phase One](#) or [Phase Two](#) Restaurant and Bar guidance for the county in which is located.

**Q14: There is a limit listed for indoor social get-togethers. Is there an outdoor social get-together limit?**

A14: A group of people outside, for any purpose, is a gathering and must follow the capacity limits outlined in the [Statewide Gatherings, Indoor Social Get-Together Guidance](#)

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