Reopening Guidance FAQs
Outdoor Entertainment Establishments
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Overview
Below are answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) about the Oregon Health Authority’s (OHA) Sector Guidance for Outdoor Entertainment Establishments. OHA provides and may intermittently update this FAQ to help the public understand the guidance, respond to stakeholder questions, and clarify how the guidance may apply in specific scenarios. The FAQ is not intended to take the place of the guidance but to help interpret, supplement and help fill in the details of the guidance.

Q1: Are outdoor amusement parks allowed to operate under the Sector Guidance for Outdoor Entertainment Establishments? What are the guidelines for cleaning an amusement park?

A1: Yes, outdoor amusement parks are considered outdoor entertainment establishments and are required to follow the Sector Guidance for Outdoor Entertainment Establishments. Amusement park operators must comply with the maximum capacity limits for outdoor entertainment establishments based on the designated risk level for the county where the amusement park is located. Refer to Sector Guidance for Outdoor Entertainment Establishments for specific cleaning requirements. Any indoor operations at an amusement park, such as an indoor skating rink or indoor ride, must follow the Sector Guidance for Indoor Entertainment Establishments. Indoor operations at an amusement park may be prohibited depending on the designated risk level for the county where the amusement park is located and the indoor areas must comply with the maximum capacity limits for indoor entertainment establishments.

Q2: Should jet boats operate under the Sector Guidance for Outdoor Entertainment Establishments?

A2: Yes, jet boats are considered outdoor entertainment and operators of jet boats are required to follow the Sector Guidance for Outdoor Entertainment Establishments. Operators must comply with the maximum capacity limits for outdoor entertainment establishments based on the designated risk level for the county where the jet boat is located. If a jet boat is enclosed or does not meet the definition for “outdoor” then the jet boat would be considered indoor entertainment and must comply with the requirements and guidance for indoor operations.
Q3: My business is thinking about moving indoor operations outdoors to increase capacity based on the designated risk level of the county where my establishment is located. What qualifies as an “outdoor space” if my business wants to operate under the Sector Guidance for Outdoor Entertainment Establishments?

A3: In the Sector Guidance for Outdoor Entertainment Establishments, “outdoor” means an open-air space which may have a temporary or fixed cover, such as an awning or roof, so long as the space has at least 50% of the square footage of its sides open for airflow such that open sides are not adjacent to each other. Operators may only operate outdoor entertainment using the Sector Guidance for Outdoor Entertainment Establishments if they ensure that any outside spaces created or used for services or operations meet the definition for “outdoor”. If the space does not meet the definition of outdoor, then the services or operations are considered indoor and therefore must comply with the requirements and guidance for indoor operations.

Q4: For an outdoor entertainment event, such as a rodeo, if attendees leave the rodeo, can rodeo operators allow new attendees to enter as long as they don’t exceed maximum capacity limits based on the risk level for the county where the rodeo is located?

A4: Yes, however OHA recommends that outdoor entertainment operators limit attendees to one set of attendees at the beginning of the event and do not allow new attendees to enter when original attendees exit.

Q5: Are spectators at sports events included in the maximum capacity limits for outdoor recreation?

A5: No. Spectators must comply with the capacity limits in the Outdoor Entertainment Establishments Guidance. For sporting events, spectators must be in a designated area with separate entrances, exits and restrooms from the sports participants, that is at least six (6) feet from the sports activities. Outdoor entertainment capacity limits apply only to the designated spectator area. Capacity limits for spectators should not be based on the entire outdoor recreation and fitness area.

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