Overview

Below are answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) about the Oregon Health Authority’s (OHA) Sector Guidance for Indoor 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: Do arcades and laser tag follow the Sector Guidance for Indoor Entertainment Establishments?

A1: Yes. Arcades and laser tag are considered indoor entertainment activities and are required to follow the Sector Guidance for Indoor Entertainment Establishments. Indoor entertainment establishments must follow the maximum capacity limits for indoor entertainment establishments based on the designated risk level for the county where the indoor entertainment establishment is located.

Q2: Are bounce houses and indoor play gyms considered indoor entertainment establishments?

A2: Yes. Bounce houses and indoor play gyms are considered indoor entertainment activities and are required to follow the Sector Guidance for Indoor Entertainment Establishments. Indoor entertainment establishments must follow the maximum capacity limits for indoor entertainment establishments based on the designated risk level for the county where the indoor entertainment establishment is located.

Q3: What are the requirements for cleaning a theater between performances?

A3: Theater operators must clean and disinfect high-traffic areas and commonly touched surfaces in the theater — including seats and tables — between performances. Theater operators must also thoroughly clean restroom facilities at least twice daily and, to the extent possible, ensure adequate sanitary supplies (soap, toilet paper, hand sanitizer) throughout the day. Use disinfectants that are included on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved list for the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19.
Q4: What are the requirements to run a tour on a tour bus?

A4: Tour operators must follow Statewide Guidance for Transit Agencies and Sector Guidance for Indoor Entertainment Establishments. At least three (3) feet must be maintained consistently between passengers. Six (6) feet must be maintained between the driver and passengers, except during boarding and when assisting those with mobility devices. Tour attendees in the same party may sit fewer than three (3) feet apart. Tour operators must clean the bus every four hours and in between tour groups, with an emphasis on frequently touched surfaces. Drivers and riders must wear face coverings in accordance with Statewide Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield guidance.

Q5: Can party buses operate using the transit agency guidance?

A5: No. This is considered an indoor entertainment establishment and must follow the applicable county risk level for indoor entertainment establishments.

Q6: Are indoor amusement parks allowed to operate under the sector guidance for indoor entertainment establishments?

A6: Yes, indoor amusement parks are considered indoor entertainment establishments and are required to follow the Sector Guidance for Indoor Entertainment Establishments. Indoor amusement park operators must comply with the maximum capacity limits for indoor entertainment establishments based on the designated risk level for the county where the amusement park is located. Refer to Sector Guidance for Indoor Entertainment Establishments for specific cleaning requirements.

If an amusement park operates entirely indoors, amusement park operators are required to comply with the Sector Guidance for Indoor Entertainment Establishments.

Q7: Is a gallery/art exhibit space considered a museum or a retail space?

A7: Galleries that operate as retail spaces must follow guidance and requirements for retail stores. Galleries that host events or act as exhibit spaces must comply with Sector Guidance for Indoor Entertainment Establishments and any applicable capacity limits or prohibitions on operations according to the designated risk level for the county where the gallery is located.

Q8: If a movie theater complex has multiple, separate auditoriums, is the maximum capacity limit per auditorium or for the entire complex?

A8: Movie theater operators must follow the Sector Guidance for Indoor Entertainment Establishments. Theater operators that have multiple theater auditoriums may apply the maximum capacity limits for each auditorium only if theater attendees in each auditorium do not share space, including restrooms, hallways, entrances, exits and enclosed spaces.
Q9: In extreme risk counties, can an indoor entertainment establishment such as a museum, provide its space for meal programs or emergency response activities?

A9: Yes, as long as the indoor entertainment establishment operates only for purposes of the meal program or emergency response activity. The indoor entertainment establishment cannot perform its regular indoor entertainment operations. Emergency response activities and meal programs serving vulnerable populations must comply with OHA guidance, as applicable.

Q10: My business is thinking about moving indoor operations outdoors to open sooner based on the designated risk level of the county where my establishment is located. What is the definition of an “outdoor space” for purposes of the Sector Guidance for Indoor Entertainment Establishments?

A10: In the Sector Guidance for Indoor 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.

Q11: Are indoor entertainment establishments allowed to host blood drives?

A11: Yes, as long as the indoor entertainment establishment operates only for purposes of the blood drive. The indoor entertainment establishment cannot perform its regular indoor entertainment operations. To operate a blood drive, indoor entertainment establishments must comply with OHA General Guidance for Employers and Organizations which includes requirements for physical distancing, face coverings and cleaning and disinfection.

Q12: For an indoor entertainment event, such as a concert, if attendees leave the concert can concert operators allow to new attendees to enter as long as they don’t exceed maximum capacity limits based on the risk level for the county where the concert is located?

A12: Yes. However, OHA recommends that operators limit indoor entertainment events to one set of attendees at the beginning of the event and not allow new attendees to enter when original attendees exit.

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