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Frequently asked questions related to Mayoral Executive Order Partially Reopening Restaurants and Bars for Indoor Dining and Restricting Gatherings

What constitutes a “gathering”

- A gathering includes assemblies or meetings - social or festive - for a specific purpose. Types of gatherings include any celebrations, parties, cookouts, barbeques, reunions, or other events likely to involve a large group of people. Gatherings are typically by invitation, such as a wedding or a party at someone’s home. Gatherings may be advertised to the general public, such as a fundraiser or festival and/or they may be ticketed events.

What’s the limit for the number of people who can attend?

- Outdoor and indoor gatherings are capped at no more than 25 people, and must include enough space to allow people to remain socially distant - at least 6 feet apart.

What about event venues?

- Venues typically reserved for events are limited to 25% of the venue’s maximum occupancy, or 25 people - whichever is less.
- However, for venues with multiple, separate event spaces, the limit applies separately to each space, as long as the occupancy of the entire venue does not exceed 25%.
- Outdoor gatherings at event venues and spaces typically reserved for events are limited to 25 persons.

Are indoor bars that do not serve food permitted to be open?

- No, the reopening of indoor restaurants and bars is limited to establishments that serve food and drink while seated at tables.



Can a restaurant hold an indoor event for 25 people and still have other customers up to 25% of the capacity in another part of a restaurant?

- Yes, however in order for this to be permissible, the event may not take place in a portion of the same room as other diners. The event space must be completely separate and other diners must not be able to pass through or enter that area. Likewise, attendees at the event must not pass through the dining areas of other patrons. Table limitations of no more than six(6) persons at a table, unless from the same household, social distancing, and masking requirements all still apply.

Can a restaurant or food service facility continue outdoor, carry-out or delivery service after 10pm?

- Yes, only indoor dining is prohibited after 10 pm. Pick-up/carryout, delivery and outdoor dining may continue past 10pm.

Are grocery stores limited by this order?

- No, however a grocery store must monitor the number and flow of patrons to ensure compliance with social distancing and masking.

Are employees/staff to be counted towards the 25% maximum occupancy?

- Yes, for all venues, facilities, establishments or other spaces with a 25% maximum occupancy requirement employees, staff and any other person present must be included in the calculation.

Are outdoor sporting events considered gatherings for the purpose of this order?

- Outdoor sporting events are not considered gatherings for the purposes of this order.

Are outdoor summer camps considered gatherings for the purposes of this order?

- Outdoor summer camps are not considered gatherings for the purposes of this order.

