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Updated COVID-19 Guidance for Gatherings

Now that the weather is improving and people are getting vaccinated, the Health Department has received numerous questions from the public regarding social gatherings. Here are the current New York State limits on social gatherings:

- The indoor limit for social gatherings at private homes is 10 people. The outdoor limit for social gatherings at private homes is 25 people.
- Effective April 2, 2021, the indoor limit for gatherings held outside of a household is 100 people and the outdoor limit is 200 people. (These numbers increase to 150 indoors and 500 outdoors if all attendees have proof of a negative test result for COVID-19 or proof of a completed COVID-19 vaccination series.) In addition, the gathering can be no more than 75% of the occupancy of the space as specified by code enforcement. New York State still mandates that people at gatherings must wear face coverings if less than 6 feet from other persons.

We are all anxious to return to events that we enjoyed before the COVID-19 pandemic. However, according to the CDC, scientists are still learning how vaccines will affect the spread of COVID-19. In addition, certain areas of the country have seen a recent increase in the number of illnesses. The CDC is encouraging that even after you've been fully vaccinated, you should keep taking precautions in public places like wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from others who may not be vaccinated, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces until we know more.

For more detailed information regarding guidance on gatherings and in-person and catered events, please visit:

https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Indoor_and_Outdoor_Food_Services_Detailed_Guidelines.pdf