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### How can people safely get together? What are the limits for indoor and outdoor gatherings?

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There are no numerical limits for indoor or outdoor gatherings.

In New Jersey, face masks are no longer required in most outdoor and indoor settings.

**The Department of Health recommends wearing a face mask whenever you have symptoms of COVID-19, tested positive, were recently exposed to someone with COVID-19, or live in a county with elevated or "high" [COVID community levels](#).**

#### Safety Tips For Gatherings

- [Build your personal COVID-19 plan.](#)
- Get vaccinated against the flu and COVID-19. They can safely be taken at the same time.
- Already vaccinated? Get a COVID-19 booster.
- Gather outdoors, when possible, or in places with good ventilation
- Consider wearing a mask in crowds or other high risk settings or if you are at high-risk and COVID-19 community levels are medium. You should wear a mask if you have COVID-19 symptoms, a positive test, exposure to someone with COVID-19, or are in a county with elevated or "high" [COVID community levels](#).
- [Get tested](#) if you have COVID-19 symptoms or are a close contact.
- Take everyday precautions like handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes.
- Stay home if you think you are sick.
- Consider testing before visiting others, especially those at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Visit [covid19.nj.gov/testing](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/protect_yourself_and_others_covid.pdf) to find a testing location near you.
- Delay travel until you are [up to date](#) with your COVID-19 vaccines.
- If traveling, visit the [CDC's travel page](#) for safety tips and guidance.

#### When Hosting a Gathering


- Make hand sanitizer available for guests.
- Consider opening a window or keeping your heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system turned on to improve air flow.
- Make single-use hand towels for hand-drying available to avoid sharing a towel.


Source: [Commissioner Persichilli's Remarks 7/29/20](#); [Commissioner Persichilli's Remarks 10/15/20](#); [Executive Order No. 239](#); [Executive Order No. 242](#);  
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