

# GUIDANCE FOR GATHERINGS/EVENTS IN FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES DURING COVID-19



Effective **December 17, 2020**, indoor gatherings in private homes is limited to **immediate household members only - those that live in the home regularly**. Outdoor gatherings are limited to **10 people** (physically distanced). Indoor gatherings are by event/facility type.

## Before considering attending a gathering or event, ASK YOURSELF:

- 1) Is the event absolutely necessary?
- 2) Can the event be recorded or live-streamed to reduce in-person numbers?
- 3) Should the event be postponed until it is safe enough to hold the event?

## STAY HOME IF YOU ARE:

- feeling unwell or are immunocompromised.
- have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days whether you have symptoms or not.



## IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A GATHERING/EVENT:

- Wear a mask.
- Practice social distancing to minimize close contact. (e.g., no hand shaking or hugging)
- No sharing or passing of items like sweetgrass or cigarettes.
- Maintain at least 2 meters (6 feet) distance from others.
- Practice good cough etiquette and hand hygiene.
- Leave if there are too many people to socially distance or if people aren't using masks.



## If you are the organizer:

- Keep the length of the gathering short.
- Stay informed about the local COVID-19 situation and maintain a registration list of those attending.
- Consider using a digital thermometer to check temperatures.
- Ensure that multi touch surfaces are sanitized frequently.
- Display signage at event entry, bathrooms, and food preparation areas to support good cough etiquette and hand hygiene.
- Ensure there is adequate equipment and/or facilities to support good hygiene practices such as soap and water and/or hand sanitizer, paper towels and tissues.
- Ensure objects are not shared or passed between people (ie. Religious objects, cigarettes, lighters etc)
- Ensure there are supplies to enable regular sanitizing of surfaces.
- Increase the frequency of sanitizing common areas.

## Effective Saturday, December 19, 2020

- Casinos and bingo halls must close.
- Event venues, conference facilities, arenas, arts venues, museums, movie and live theatres and banquet facilities may still have events up to 30 individuals – food can only be served in these venues in a separate designated area (ie. restaurant) and must be eaten in that designated area. This restriction **does not** apply to workplaces and schools.
- All restaurants and licensed establishments are now limited to seat four people at a single table. Tables must be placed 2 metres apart with barriers. If there are no barriers between tables, there must be a three metre distance between all tables.
- All team/group sports, activities, games, competitions, group practices, etc. are suspended, including amateur and recreational leagues for all age groups.
- All events/venues require physical distancing, attendee logs, masking and hand sanitizer.
- Items are not to be passed between attendees.

## Effective Friday, December 25, 2020

- Retail services must reduce their capacity to 50 per cent.
- Large retail locations are required to limit their capacity to 25 per cent capacity. Large retail locations are defined as retailers with a square footage larger than 20,000 square feet. For details see Public Health Orders <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-health-orders>

## The goals of this guidance are:

- to protect people attending gatherings from COVID-19 infection; and
- to reduce community transmission and introductions of COVID-19 into new communities.