

Executive Order 20-96

Parties, celebrations, receptions, or other social gatherings connected to private parties

- ✓ Venues, bars, restaurants, and other event spaces may host planned celebrations, receptions, or other social gatherings such as private parties, wedding receptions, funeral receptions, celebrations of life milestones (birthdays or retirements), family reunions, gatherings before or after planned religious services, and other similar occasions that offer food or beverages (including alcoholic beverages) for on-premises consumption or that permit food or beverages to be consumed on-premises if they develop and implement an event-specific COVID-19 Preparedness Plan that complies with the following:
 - The above planned celebrations and gatherings may not take place between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m.
 - The above planned celebrations and gatherings must limit capacity as follows:
 - Effective Nov. 27, 2020, at 10 p.m., these gatherings and events are limited to a maximum of 50 people.
 - Effective Dec. 11, 2020, at 10 p.m., these gatherings and events are limited to a maximum of 25 people.
 - Regardless of the type of venue (e.g., restaurant, bar, entertainment venue), the event space must also reduce its capacity to the 25% occupancy, not to exceed the applicable maximum capacity cap.
 - If the event space does not have an established occupant capacity, the venue must calculate the occupant capacity for the space using the formula in the applicable guidance for recreational entertainment venues not to exceed the applicable maximum capacity cap.
 - Recreational entertainment venues guidance listed at the end of this section. If the establishment will remain open for service to patrons not attending the event:
 - It must designate an exclusive and separate event space within the establishment (e.g., a ballroom, private room, or other separated space) to ensure persons attending the event remain separated from other patrons who are not attending the event, and areas or activities not associated with the event.
 - Workers hired specifically for the event, such as an outside caterer or entertainer, must also be separated from other workers, patrons, or activities not associated with, staffing, or attending the event.
 - The attendees of the celebration must be included in calculating the overall capacity of the venue, restaurant, bar, or other event space.
 - The guidance in this document must be incorporated into the plan.
 - The plan must incorporate other relevant industry guidance:

GATHERING REQUIREMENTS FOR CELEBRATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT LIFE EVENTS

- [Preparedness Plan Requirements Guidance – Recreational Entertainment & Meetings \(dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID_19_preparedness_plan_requirements_guidelines_recreational_entertainment.pdf\)](https://dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID_19_preparedness_plan_requirements_guidelines_recreational_entertainment.pdf).
 - [Preparedness Plan Requirements Guidance – Seated Entertainment & Meetings \(dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID_19_preparedness_plan_requirements_guidelines_seated_entertainment.pdf\)](https://dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID_19_preparedness_plan_requirements_guidelines_seated_entertainment.pdf).
 - [Industry Guidance for Safely Reopening: Restaurants and Bars \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/safedining.pdf\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/safedining.pdf).
- ✓ This document does not apply to wedding ceremonies, funeral ceremonies, and religious services— it applies only to the related receptions, celebrations, parties and gatherings that occur before or after the service or ceremony. For services and ceremonies, please see the [Guidance for Gatherings: Faith-based Communities, Places of Worship, and Ceremonies \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/guidefaith.pdf\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/guidefaith.pdf).
- ✓ If these gatherings and events (whether formal or informal) do not occur within a venue that has developed and implemented a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, they must comply with the social gathering limitations in EO 20-96, which limits gatherings to no more than 10 persons and not more than three separate households.