

Dear Association Executives,

I wanted to update you on a recent Executive FAQ that has been issued regarding public/private gatherings. The Governor had previously made a distinction between social gatherings and other gatherings for the purposes of education. She has since narrowed that distinction in the FAQ below to more broadly define social gatherings. As a result, it would appear that gatherings for CE or other Realtor® events are limited to 10 persons indoors and 100 persons outdoors (250 for northern regions 6 & 8). I understand that this may be frustrating news as you begin to schedule more in-person activity. That said, I wanted to make sure you had this information before any planning was too far down the road. If this FAQ changes, we will notify you immediately.

Q: What is a "social gathering" or "organized event"?

A: A social gathering or organized event is one that brings together persons from multiple households at the same time for a discrete, shared or group experience in a single room, space, or place such as a private home, park, auditorium, stadium, arena, conference room, meeting hall, or other indoor or outdoor space.

These limitations on group size do not generally apply to preK-12 schools or day or summer camps, whose rules regarding regular attendance and participation are instead governed by Executive Order 2020-142 on public education and guidance issued by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. These limitations do apply, however, to organized events that may occur in such settings, such as assemblies.

Thanks,
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