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Updates to state COVID guidance address events and athletics

Effective April 15, 2021, [updated guidance](#) from the California Department of Public Health and Cal/OSHA allows local educational agencies to move forward with activities including in-person graduation ceremonies, proms and other events. Separate guidance also now in effect allows for spectators and observers at indoor youth sports competitions and practices.

In both instances, precautions are still required to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus.

New [Private Venues and Events](#) guidance can be used by LEAs to plan for proms and other private events, as well as in-person graduation ceremonies, so long as there is a defined guest list, the ability to assign seating for guests and the ability to verify their testing or vaccination status.

Attendance is limited according to the county risk level. There are also specific requirements for testing and vaccination for indoor events, and separate capacity limits for outdoors, without the need for testing/vaccination.

As an example, LEAs in counties in the orange or moderate tier can hold private events in indoor and outdoor venues with the following modifications:

- Indoor attendance must be limited to a maximum of 150 people and all attendees must show proof of negative test or full vaccination.
- Outdoor attendance must be limited to a maximum of 100. If attendees show proof of negative test or full vaccination, then the maximum number of can increase to 300 people.

Updated [Indoor Seated Live Events and Performances](#) guidance allows for spectators to be present at indoor youth sports competitions and practices, and theatrical or musical performances.

As with the Private Venues and Events guidance, this update defines capacity limits and other requirements based on county tier status. Again using the orange tier as an example,

venues can open with live audiences, following the modifications in this guidance, including:

- A weekly worker testing program.
- All tickets must be delivered digitally with advanced purchase only.
- A pre-designated area to consume food or beverages that allows for distancing (there is no eating/drinking allowed in seats).
- Each suite is limited to 25 percent occupancy with no more than three households physically distanced within each suite, or six people from the same household.
- In venues with a maximum capacity of 1,500, 15 percent of the max capacity or 200 people may attend. That may increase to 35 percent if all guests show a negative test result or show proof of full vaccination.
- Venues with a maximum capacity of more than 1,500 must cap attendance at 10 percent of max capacity or 2,000, whichever is fewer, and no eating or drinking is permitted. Attendance can increase to 35 percent if all guests show a negative test result or show proof of full vaccination.

These updates follow changes to the **Outdoor Seated Live Events and Performances** guidance that took effect April 1, which allows for spectators and observers at outdoor youth sports competitions and practices, as well as graduation ceremonies.

Additional information and resources can be found at the **CA Safe Schools for All Hub** or at CSBA's dedicated **COVID-19 resources and updates website**.



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