



Answers from the State to several questions generated by the catering guidelines.

1. **Q: Starting March 19, can catered events outside of New York City be held at 75% indoor capacity?**
A: Effective March 19, yes, catered events outside of New York City can be held at 75% indoor capacity, up to 50 people without testing or up to 150 people with testing, which then increases up to 100 people without testing or up to 150 people with testing on March 22.
2. **Q: Can ceremonial and socially distanced zone dancing with face coverings occur within the new social gathering limits of 100 for indoor and 200 for outdoor events, effective March 22?**
A: Yes, at events held under the social gathering limits, ceremonial dancing among previously designated attendees (e.g., first dances at a wedding reception) and socially distanced dancing between attendees of their same immediate party/household/family who are seated at the same table may occur in designated and clearly marked areas or zones that are assigned to them and spaced, at least, six feet apart from any other dancing areas or zones, and any tables.
3. **Q: What is the age limit for testing minors in events that exceed social gathering limits?**
A: Proof of recent negative diagnostic test result is required for attendees over age two for events that exceed the social gathering limit. When eligible by age, proof of completed immunization series would also be accepted.
4. **Q: Health department submittal is still unclear. Please confirm we can submit a form like we did last summer.**
A: The form and manner of required notification to the respective county health department or local public health authority for in-person and catered events above the State's maximum social gathering limit shall be determined by the local health officials.
5. **Q: Will PCR pool testing results be acceptable?**
A: The proof of recent negative diagnostic test must be from a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or New York amplification test (NAATs) of comparable analytical sensitivity performance that was performed on a specimen (e.g., swab) collected within 72 hours of the event start time or a FDA authorized antigen test performed on a specimen collected within 6 hours of the event start time. Testing must meet the requirements and standards set by the New York State Department of Health. Pooled testing for the purpose of allowing attendees to present proof of a recent negative test result to participate in congregate activities must be performed in a certified laboratory using a test authorized for pooling. Testing must be approved diagnostic testing – not surveillance – with results reported both to the individual and to the State's s Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System (ECLRS).
6. **Q: Can we lift curfew to 1AM as of May 1st for catered events?**
A: The curfew will be revisited by the State no later than April 15, 2021.
7. **Q: When will the remaining cluster zones be removed?**
A: The remaining five yellow zones are currently being reviewed by the State.
8. **Q: What if an individual tests positive from a previous COVID-19 infection within the last 90 days?**
A: If an individual who has recovered from COVID-19 in the last 90 days receives a positive diagnostic test prior to the event, they must produce (1) proof of the most recent positive diagnostic test result, (2a) proof of the positive diagnostic test result within 90 days OR (2b) completed order of isolation from health authority, and (3) documentation from a qualified health care professional indicating, based on the totality of the clinical information, that the individual is not considered to have an active COVID-19 infection based on the most recent positive test result.



9. **Q: What records need to be retained?**

A: Venues do not need to retain individual proof of recent negative test result or proof of immunization. However, they must retain sign-in/contact information from attendees for a minimum of 28 days and make such data available to State and local health authorities upon request.