



Community Update – October 21 , 2021

Emerging Wisely Current State: Step by Step Together

Proof of Vaccination for Gatherings- Effective October 22, 2021

- **HOUSEHOLDS:** Private households will be limited to five visitors only at one time to a maximum of 10 people unless all eligible household members and visitors are fully vaccinated.
- **INDOOR GATHERINGS (non household):** up to 25 people are permitted to gather in an indoor location. Social distancing is required.
- **OUTDOOR GATHERINGS:** up to 50 people are permitted to gather in an outdoor location. Social distancing is required.
- **ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES:** may exceed the gathering limits provided they follow indoor masking and other requirements imposed by the Chief Public Health Officer.
- **NON ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES:** If non-essential businesses and organizations adopt this approach, they must implement a proof of vaccination system for those that are eligible to be fully vaccinated. Gatherings will then be limited to 100 people indoors and 200 people outdoors.
- **ADDITIONAL APPROVALS:** approved applications to vary from the public health order include:
 - **Outdoor gatherings of more than 50 people**
 - **Indoor gatherings of more than 25 people**
 - **Gatherings that limit distancing requirements**
 - **Any sized gathering that includes high risk activities such as:**
 - **Indoor dancing, singing, playing wind and brass instruments**
 - **Traditional hand games**
 - **Indoor contact sports, swimming and winter sports**
 - **Indoor high intensity fitness classes**
 - **Funerals and weddings**
- This means that if a business or an organization requires a proof of vaccination if you are eligible to be vaccinated you will need to show this proof before entering the establishment or attending the event.
- The new order applies to all organizations, not just businesses. Please note that high-risk activities will require an approved application to vary regardless of their capacity and proof of vaccination scheme.
- There is no option for unvaccinated people to show proof of a negative covid test.
- If businesses/organizations apply this approach, restrictions can be decreased, and people can go back to doing the things they enjoy.
- **If a business does not choose to request proof of vaccination,** the gatherings for these businesses and organizations would be reduced to 50 people outdoors and 25 people indoors or be required to apply for a new application to vary from the public health order and provide their risk mitigation information for review.