



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING ACHD COVID-19 CONTROL MEASURE ORDERS

This document is intended to answer frequent questions that the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) has received concerning its recent COVID-19 Control Measure Orders (June 28th and July 2nd). If your concern is not directly addressed by this document, consider the intent of the orders which is to eliminate mass transmission scenarios such as large groups of people gathering in close quarters and settings where masking and physical distancing requirements are less likely to be followed.

GENERAL METRICS

What metrics are taken into account when initiating or terminating particular public health interventions like travel quarantine recommendations, business closures, gathering size restrictions, and/or activity restrictions?

- A wide set of metrics are considered including but not limited to: the number of new cases per day; the change in number of new cases; the percent of those tested who have a positive test; the number of new and currently hospitalized patients; number of patients in the ICU; and bed and ventilator availability in the county. The vast majority of this data is available on the county COVID-19 dashboard: <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/resources/COVID-19/Covid-19.aspx>.
- Specific public health interventions are based on information obtained during the case investigations; in particular, information which is provided related to likely sources of exposure.
- Is data available for county-wide vs. city/municipality/neighborhood?
 - The county COVID-19 dashboard has information by City of Pittsburgh neighborhood and county municipality.

ACCESS TO TESTING FOR COVID-19

What is the county doing to increase access to COVID-19 testing?

- The ACHD is working with healthcare providers in the region to open more test sites.

What if residents are having trouble accessing testing via their Health Care Providers (“HCPs”)?

- Residents may need to wait to get an appointment for testing at some locations listed on the ACHD’s testing locator page. We are working to increase access to testing in the county.

POOLS

Does the order impact permitted swimming pools/spas (includes community pools, condos, apartments, country clubs, wading pools, gyms, camps, etc.)?

- The July 2, 2020 order does not apply to businesses with over 25 employees – it applies to public and private non-business gatherings. So, the 25-person gathering size limit does not apply to pools. However, the state’s orders and guidance on pools still apply.

Would they still be under the state’s 75% of capacity for outdoor and 50% of capacity for indoor, or are they bound by the 25-person limit based on this order?

- The state orders and guidance remain in effect for pools.

SPORTS LEAGUES

Can youth sports and intermural sports teams practice?

- Youth sports and team practices should not exceed 25 per group.
- Can sports teams have games?
 - Games should not exceed groups of 25.

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

Is alcohol banned at banquet halls and weddings?

- There is no onsite consumption of alcohol at any bar, restaurant or business establishment in Allegheny County

Is alcohol at catered events allowed?

- There is no onsite consumption of alcohol at any bar, restaurant or business establishment in Allegheny County. Small events of 25 or less individuals at personal homes are not covered under the orders.

Are food trucks closed?

- Food trucks are not closed; however, the food must be provided as take-out service for consumption elsewhere.

Is food service at outdoor seating allowed?

- All on-site dining is currently suspended, including outdoor seating. Only take-out and delivery service remains permissible.

Can alcohol be served outdoors at businesses?

- There is no onsite consumption of alcohol at any bar, restaurant or business establishment in Allegheny County. Alcohol can only be served as take out for off-site consumption.

Can snack bars and concession stand provide food?

- Snack bars can provide food for take-out.

Can food be served at driving ranges and golf courses?

- All on-site dining is currently suspended. Take-out and delivery service remain permissible.

ACTIVITIES

Are drive-in movies restricted to 25?

- This order does not apply to drive-ins; however, they need adhere to state orders and guidance.

Does this order apply to gyms and fitness facilities?

- The order does not apply to gyms and fitness facilities; however, they must adhere to existing state orders and guidance

Can I still have my wedding?

- Small personal gatherings of 25 or less are allowed. Mask wearing and physical distancing should be followed.