Governor Carney Signs Eighth Revision to Omnibus COVID-19 Order

Outdoor gatherings limited to 150 people, or higher with a DPH-approved plan

WILMINGTON, Del. – Governor John Carney on Monday signed the eighth revision to the COVID-19 emergency order, increasing outdoor gathering limits and easing capacity restrictions in outdoor venues effective at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 1.

The eighth revision includes the following:

- **Outdoor gatherings in spaces with no fire occupancy restrictions** are limited to 150 people, or higher with a plan approved by the Division of Public Health (DPH). This includes, but is not limited to, outdoor weddings, funerals, concerts, parades, festivals, conventions, fundraisers, sporting events and fairs. Gathering restrictions apply in outdoor spaces that do not have a stated fire capacity.
- **Outdoor venues with fire occupancy restrictions and with more than 100,000 square feet** of public space must limit occupancy to 50 percent of stated fire capacity. Any outdoor venue hosting more than 150 people must still have a plan approved by DPH to mitigate spread of COVID-19.
- **Outdoor venues with fire occupancy restrictions and with less than 100,000 square feet** of public space must limit occupancy to 75 percent of stated fire capacity. Any outdoor venue hosting more than 150 people must still have a plan approved by DPH to mitigate spread of COVID-19.
- Governor Carney's revision on Monday also removes the two-spectator limit for sporting events. And the revision allows the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) to issue an additional 1,000 surf fishing vehicle tags for the 2021 season.
- Indoor gatherings or events at any business or indoor space open to the public remain limited to the lesser of fifty percent of stated fire occupancy or twenty-five people.
- Food and drink establishments remain at fifty percent of stated fire occupancy requirements, excluding employees.

Plans for outdoor events and gatherings should be submitted to DPH by emailing HSPContact@delaware.gov at least seven days prior to the event.

Click here to read Governor Carney's eighth revision.

Click here to read the Omnibus COVID-19 Emergency Order.

> *"We know that gathering outdoors poses a lower risk of COVID-19 infection and transmission," said **Governor Carney**. "That's why we're comfortable easing certain outdoor restrictions as we head into Spring. But until we can get enough Delawareans fully vaccinated, keep following the basic, common-sense public health precautions. Wear a mask when you're around others. Avoid large gatherings when possible. Get the COVID-19 vaccine when your number is called. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Stay vigilant."*

Hosts of outdoor gatherings and events must provide materials and equipment necessary for proper hand hygiene and require attendees to follow masking and social distancing requirements – including having a mechanism for limiting attendance.

As of Sunday, March 28, Delaware providers had administered 433,516 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Visit de.gov/covidvaccine for information on Delaware's COVID-19 vaccination program.

Anyone with a question about COVID-19, whether related to medical or social service needs, should call Delaware 2-1-1. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can text their ZIP code to 898-211. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Visit de.gov/coronavirus to get the latest on Delaware's response to COVID-19.

Visit de.gov/gettested to learn more about free COVID-19 testing.

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