



EVENTS ADVISORY || AUTUMN EVENTS 2020

(Updated October 10, 2020)

1) **STATE EVENT PROTOCOLS:** All Event facilities and vendors must abide by all terms of Safety Standards and Sector protocols issued by the Commonwealth and Town of Nantucket to include but not limited to: [Indoor and Outdoor Events Safety Standards](#); [Restaurants Safety Standards](#); [Theater and Performance Venue Safety Standards](#); [Board of Health Emergency Order No. 13](#). These documents provide mandatory standards critical to a safe reopening including social distancing, staffing, operations, cleaning, disinfecting, hygiene protocols, and other safety standards.

2) **OCCUPANCY:** Under the Board of Health Emergency Order No. 13, all gatherings and special events to include weddings, birthdays, parties, any activities mixing different households are limited to a maximum of 10 people regardless of where they are held. There is no distinction between private property and commercial activity. A catered backyard birthday party is held to the same standards as a licensed facility renting out space for a public gathering. These protocols are about the number of people gathering from different households in one space.

The 10-person limit includes all people present including catering and event staff.

Entities subject to sector-specific rules such as Theatres and Performance Venues, Drive-In Movie Theaters, Restaurants, Museums, Cultural & Historical Facilities, Places of Worship, Retail Establishments etc. shall not be subject to a 10-person gathering limit if the enterprise is operating in compliance with applicable sector-specific guidance and in compliance with the requirements of [the Board of Health Emergency Order No. 13](#).

3) **FOOD/BAR SERVICE:** Event activities must follow sector specific protocol. Food service at events must follow [restaurant guidance](#) to include but not limited to:

- a) No standing or self-service food or alcohol. No seating or standing at bars.
- b) No guests should be standing and drinking, eating or congregating with other parties at any time. Table service only.
- c) Maximum Six (6) persons per table. Tables spaced to allow a minimum of 6 feet between seated patrons and high foot traffic areas.
- d) Food service required with on-premise consumption of alcohol.

4) **ENTERTAINMENT:** Live Entertainment must follow [Theater and Performance Guidance](#) to include but not limited to:

- a) **INDOORS:** No singing or brass/wind instruments. Plays, musical and Live performances not allowed.
- b) **OUTDOORS:** 25 feet separation from unmasked performers (singers, brass/wind instruments) and guests. 10 feet separation between performers.
- c) **DANCE FLOORS:** No Dance Floors or Dancing allowed – indoors and outdoors. The Bride and Groom may have their first dance together but no other dancing or large congregation of guests allowed.
- d) **PERMITS/LICENSES:** Any Live Entertainment for public events and in publically accessed building, restaurants, museums, hotels, etc. must be licensed annually or on a per event basis. Currently, Live Entertainment is restricted to single musicians outdoors only at existing Licensed premises. New requests may be considered on a case by case basis to include a COVID-19 safety plan.
- e) **PRIVATE HOMES:** Any Entertainment Live (DJ/Musician or Non-Live (Streaming) at private Home gatherings must follow above guidelines and all Music/Entertainment must end by 10pm per Town Noise Ordinance.

5) TENTS:

- a) **PERMITS:** Building permits apply when the tent (with sides) exceeds 400 square feet and intended for the gathering or when Tent Canopy (without sides) exceeds 700 square feet.
 - b) **AIR FLOW:** Outdoor table service may be provided under awnings or table umbrellas or other cover provided that at least 50 percent of the perimeter of any covered dining space must always remain open and unobstructed by any form of siding or barriers.
- 6) **FIREWORKS:** All Public Firework displays have been cancelled for the Summer/Fall 2020. Private Firework Display requests **must be reviewed and approved by the Nantucket Fire Department in accordance with State and local Fire Code.** Additional review/approvals may be required depending on locations (Harbormaster; Natural Resources, etc.)
- 7) **FACE MASKS:** Please review the State and Local Face Mask orders with all Staff: <https://nantucket-ma.gov/1677/Face-Covering-Orders> All guests must wear masks unless seated at table while eating and drinking. Waiting to be seated or getting up to use the restroom require that they put a mask on.
- a) **ALL GATHERINGS:** Per the Board of Health Emergency Order No. 13, **When gatherings of up to 10 people are occurring, all persons on the site of the gathering shall be wearing face coverings at all times.**

The Advisory is issued in response to the ongoing public health crisis related to the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and will be strictly enforced by the Select Board and the Town of Nantucket. Failure to adhere to any of the foregoing will result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, the suspension of any license issued by the Town of Nantucket.