

September 8, 2020

**Important Information related to the resumption of
Performing Arts and Entertainment Venues**

On August 25, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued an order that specified Entertainment Venues within the State could reopen as long as those who are involved can comply with all minimum mandatory safety standards outlined within the order. Entertainment Venues include auditoriums, stadiums, arenas, concert and music halls, theaters, ballrooms, gymnasiums, convention centers, arcades, bingo halls, adult and child skill or chance games, laser tag facilities, and interactive game facilities hosting non-Sports events. The order covers only Entertainment Venues that have not been otherwise addressed in other Director of Health Orders, including venues encompassed by the Director's Order that Provides Mandatory Requirements for Youth, Collegiate, Amateur, Club and Professionals Sports.

While Allen County Public Health recognizes that performing arts provide substantial benefits to youth and adults, COVID-19 continues to present a substantial risk to Ohioans, including Allen County residents. When we live in a world where COVID-19 exists, everyone needs to make adjustments. It will be important to manage the risks that COVID-19 presents. The more people you interact with at a gathering, the longer that interaction lasts, and the closer together people are, the higher the risk of spread. The minimum mandatory standards are included in the Order to help manage such risk factors.

It is critical that any organization that chooses to provide such activities ensures that performances and/or venues strictly follow all of the minimum mandatory standards set forth in the Director's Order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. These minimum standards address performers, volunteers, staff, employees, venues, and spectators. A copy of the order can be found at this link: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/DO-Entertainment-Venue.pdf>. Responsible Restart Ohio guidance is also available for Performance Theaters and K-12 School and Collegiate Performance Activities through the Ohio Department of Health's Coronavirus page: coronavirus.ohio.gov. Participants may also wish to refer to any additional health recommendations for the prevention of COVID-19 from their national associations and/or governing authorities.

Per the Order, each host or sponsoring organization shall designate, in writing and prior to an event, a compliance officer whose responsibility it is to ensure that the requirements of the Director's Order are followed. Everyone involved has an obligation to comply with the Order. Each Entertainment Venue is required to have a written operations plan, prepared in consultation with the local health department, and a designated Venue Manager. Please see the following page for Allen County Public Health's plans for providing such consultation to Allen County sponsoring organizations, hosts, and venues.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Luhn, Health Commissioner



Guidance for Meeting Safety Requirements for Entertainment Venues
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Please complete and fax or email this form to Allen County Public Health to notify us of your organization's name, contact information, Venue Manager and Compliance Officer.

Allen County Public Health has created a tool to help you write your organization's plan to meet all the minimum mandatory standards set forth in the Director's Order. This document is available on Allen County Public Health's website, with links directly to the document below. Both PDF and Excel versions are available.

- **Entertainment Venues Requirements:** [Entertainment Venue Checklist](#)
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You must submit your plans to Allen County Public Health if:

- You have a performance and need to establish an audience set-back (minimum is 12 feet)

If you **DO NOT** need to submit your plans to Allen County Public Health:

- You are still expected to meet all the applicable requirements in the order.
- You are still required to have a written plan.

If you have questions, we will be available for consultation. Please email: contact@allenhealthdept.org

If we have/receive any questions, concerns, issues or complaints regarding your events or venue(s), we will reach out to ask for copies of your plans.

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Venue(s): _____

Venue Manager Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Venue Manager email: _____

Compliance Officer: _____ **Phone:** _____

Compliance Officer email: _____

FAX TO: 419-224-4161 ATTN: COMPLIANCE



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