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This morning Governor Wolf announced some changes in the spectator limits that will have an impact upon member schools, leagues, conferences and Districts hosting athletic events.

i. Maximum Occupancy Calculator for indoor events:

Maximum Occupancy	Allowable Indoor Rate
0-2,000 people	20% of Maximum Occupancy
2,001 - 10,000 people	15% of Maximum Occupancy
Over 10,000 people	10% of Maximum Occupancy up to 3,750 people

ii. Maximum Occupancy Calculator for outdoor events:

Maximum Occupancy	Allowable Outdoor Rate
0-2,000 people	25% of Maximum Occupancy
2,001 - 10,000 people	20% of Maximum Occupancy
Over 10,000 people	15% of Maximum Occupancy up to 7,500 people

Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary of Health and Governor Wolf issued amended orders for occupancy limits as well as providing an FAQ for other items of interest. The links to these items are posted here:

- <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/20201006-SOH-amendment-to-targeted-mitigation-order.pdf>
- <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/20201006-Amended-Targeted-Mitigation-FAQ.pdf>

Schools and venues must require attendees to comply with 6-foot social distancing requirements, to wear masks or face coverings, and to implement best practices such as timed entry, multiple entry and exit points, multiple restrooms and hygiene stations. These changes will assist schools in allowing parents and guardians to view their school sports programs while complying with safety standards.

Discussion with your school board and local solicitor may be appropriate so that each school considers all relevant factors in making its own decision to how many spectators to admit for a contest. The attendance of families at contests for support and supervision is important and that permitting this to occur should be a priority in setting limits.

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association: Beginning in Pittsburgh, on December 29, 1913, PIAA was given the privilege of serving its member schools and registered officials by establishing policies and adopting contest rules that emphasize the educational values of interscholastic athletics, promote safe and sportsmanlike competition and provide uniform standards for all interscholastic levels of competition.