



# Town of Clinton Police/OEM

## State Executive Order 234

### **Advisement 2021-35 Increased Capacity Limits for Outdoor Gatherings**

1. Paragraph 8 of Executive Order No. 230 (2021) is hereby rescinded and the number of individuals at outdoor gatherings shall be limited to 200 persons or fewer. An outdoor gathering that is a religious service or celebration, political activity, wedding ceremony or reception, funeral, memorial service, meeting of an addiction support group, legislative proceeding of State, county, or local government, including local Boards of Education, or State or local judicial proceeding is not required to comply with the numerical limit on persons. All other requirements for outdoor gatherings contained in Paragraph 1 of Executive Order No. 161 (2020), including the requirements of Paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 152 (2020) incorporated by reference therein, shall remain in effect. Paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 228 (2021) is hereby superseded to the extent that it conflicts with the provisions of this Order.

2. Outdoor entertainment centers where performances are viewed or given, including movie theaters, performing arts centers, and other concert venues, must continue to limit the number of patrons in any outdoor area where a performance is viewed or given to a number that ensures that all individuals can remain six feet apart, but such limit shall never be larger than 200 persons, unless the outdoor entertainment venue has a fixed seating capacity of 2,500 persons or greater as described in Paragraph 10 of this Order. Paragraph 9 of Executive Order No. 230 (2021) is hereby superseded to the extent that it conflicts with the provisions of this Order.

3. All athletic practices and competitions, including professional, collegiate, and non-collegiate and non-professional, that are conducted outdoors are subject to the outdoor gathering limit of 200 persons. Athletes, coaches, referees, trainers, and other individuals who are necessary for the practice or competition are not included in the number of individuals present at a gathering for purposes of the limits on gatherings. All other individuals, including spectators, must be limited to 200 persons. The provisions of Paragraph 1 of Administrative Order No. 2020-22 regarding outdoor gatherings shall continue to apply. Paragraphs 16, 18, and 20 of Executive Order No. 230

(2021) are hereby superseded to the extent that it conflicts with the provisions of this Order.

4. It is hereby restated that the number of individuals at an indoor gathering that is a wedding reception shall be limited to 35 percent of the capacity of the room in which it takes place, but regardless of the capacity of the room, such limit shall never be smaller than 25 persons or larger than 150 persons, excluding the reception venue's staff. For purposes of this Order, any private residence or residential unit shall be treated as a single "room."

5. Recreational or entertainment businesses, and restaurants, cafeterias, dining establishments, food courts, bars, and public and private social clubs where events take place that utilize a licensed caterer or where such venue holds a license to prepare and serve food to the public, must limit the number of patrons participating in any indoor celebrations or similar private catered events to 35 percent of the capacity of the room in which it takes place, but regardless of the capacity of the room, such limit shall never be smaller than 25 persons or larger than 150 persons, excluding the venue's staff.

6. Recreational or entertainment businesses, and restaurants, cafeterias, dining establishments, food courts, bars, and public and private social clubs where events take place that utilize a licensed caterer or where such venue holds a license to prepare and serve food to the public, must limit the number of patrons participating in any outdoor celebration or similar private catered event to a number that ensures that individuals can remain six feet apart, but such limit shall never be larger than 200 persons, excluding the venue's staff. 9

7. All indoor gatherings, including wedding receptions and private catered events, must continue to follow all applicable requirements for indoor gatherings outlined in Paragraphs 5 and 6 of Executive Order No. 183 (2020), including those provisions that incorporate by reference the requirements of Paragraph 1 of Executive Order No. 152 (2020).

**State Executive Order 234. This advisement is has been reduced to elements affecting Clinton residents and businesses. Please refer to <https://www.nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-234.pdf> for full details of SEO 234.**