

Capacity Guidance for Spaces Occupied by Non-Patrons

Steps:

Record these variables

- 1) Record the number of entrances available to back of house activities
- 2) Record the number of separate washrooms available for back of house personnel only

Calculate the maximum number of people that can occupy the various spaces using the following

1. Backstage distancing (wings may count here):
 - 4 square metres per person will provide 2 metres distance between people
 - ~ 6' 6" is 2 metres so 42 square feet approximately per person
2. On-stage distancing (do not include wings):
 - 9 square metres per person will provide 3 metres distance between people¹
 - ~ 10' is 3 metres so 100 square feet approximately per person
3. On-stage distancing (when stationary or not expelling larger volumes of air)
 - 4 square metres per person will provide 2 metres distance between people
 - ~6'6" is 2 metres so 42 square feet approximately per person

Record the **lowest of the numbers** above in your COVID-19 Safety Plan. This is how big each group may be.

Keep this document near your COVID-19 Safety Plan as a reminder as to how you came up with your number of spaces and number of people who can be present.

Information Referenced in Creating this Guide² and Assumptions:

- Patrons, as defined in the PHO [Gatherings and Events Order](#), are to remain outside all these areas and calculations
- [PHO Guidance](#) has been provided stating no more than 50 people should be in the same space
- To determine what your maximum number of spaces (premises) are within your backstage & stage environment, there could be a separate entrance for each premises, separate washroom(s), and a way to keep people from contacting other groups.
- The calculation and number of spaces you create within your venue, including the maximum number of people in each of those spaces, is to be recorded in your COVID-19 Safety Plan and is an occupancy limit, not a target.

¹ This higher number is to reflect motion and activity on the stage such as orating, dancing, playing of instruments, singing, etc.

² <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/current-health-topics/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>, retrieved 10/22/20