

## 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 people<sup>1</sup>
  - ~ 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 Guide<sup>2</sup> 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.

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

<sup>2</sup> <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