

Indoor Events Safety Plan (Updated April 08, 2022)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

This plan is subject to changes in Provincial Health Office orders on COVID-19. Always follow the directions of your event Convener.

This Safety Plan provides guidelines for Newcomers Indoor Events.

Indoor events include those that are usually held in public venues (e.g., Birthday Luncheons and general meetings) and those that are held in private homes (e.g. Coffee House, card and game groups, etc.).

As of this update, most COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. See details at [BC Public Health - COVID-19](#).

Our events can occur while following basic safety protocols. In this Safety Plan, Part 1 reviews the basics. Part 2 gives guidelines specific to the type of venue where the event is to occur.

Part 1: Basic Safety Protocols

Before the Event:

- Assess your health risk with this [Self-Assessment Tool](#). Do not come if a risk exists.
- Review the event details on the website [Activity Calendar](#) or in the convener's invitation email.

Be aware of your own safety risk tolerance:

- You may be seated with or near members you have never met.
- Ensure you feel comfortable with the event details, location, parking and amenities.

On Event Day:

- Follow the directions of the convener or assigned leader.
- Follow any safety requirements set out by the convener or the venue.
- Do not come if you do not feel well.
- Bring a mask – you may be asked to wear it.

Practice careful social contact:

- If carpooling is an option, ensure you feel comfortable sharing close quarters. Masks may be requested. (Note, the convener will advise if a driver's fee is requested).
- When using a public washroom, follow posted guidelines and use at your own risk.

- Show respect for personal space.

A guest may attend only if:

- the convener's event plan allows for guests,
- the guest is 19 or older, and
- the guest agrees to sign the CVNC [Waiver Agreement](#).

Part 2: Venue Specific Guidelines:

Indoor Events at Public Venues

Newcomers' indoor events can be held in public venues, such as:

- a restaurant with table service,
- a food or liquor establishment, including a pub, bar, tasting room with seating, or a private club, or
- a public indoor meeting space.

Note: Public venues may have their own COVID-19 protocols, such as wearing of masks or proof of vaccination. If you have concerns, ask the convener for clarification prior to the event.

Indoor Events in Private Homes

Newcomers' events can be held in private homes, with everyone attending, following basic and respectful guidelines.

Conveners (along with the host) will establish safety steps:

- Restrict attendance to a safe number of participants based on the event type, room size, available seating, reasonable social distancing, etc.
- Decide whether masks are required or optional.
- Provide hand sanitizer in convenient places and single-use drying towels in the washroom (e.g., popup paper towels).
- Sanitize surfaces and washroom facilities.
- Provide as much ventilation as possible.
- Communicate the details of the event and the safety steps in the event announcement

Let's be safe while we enjoy all the beautiful Comox Valley has to offer!