



Reduce the spread of infection in places for private gatherings

According to the temporary COVID-19 Act, businesses have a duty to prevent the spread of infection by operating in such a way that crowding of people is avoided and ensuring that people can keep a safe distance from each other from an epidemiological point of view.

This applies to those who, in the context of a professional activity, use or, directly or indirectly, let a room, area or space indoors for an event or any other similar private gathering.

If you use or let the room, area or space for a private gathering, you must:

- Limit the number of participants to a maximum of 8 participants.

What premises are affected?

Examples of affected premises, areas and spaces are banquet halls rented out on a commercial basis, common areas in rental and tenant-owned properties, association premises, premises belonging to universities, colleges and student unions, and buses and boats rented out for festive purposes.

What is a private gathering?

A private gathering is a gathering where the main purpose is social interaction. This includes parties in connection with celebrations such as graduation parties, birthday parties, wedding parties, baptisms and funerals. Dinners are also an example of private gatherings. However, ceremonies such as baptisms, wedding and funeral ceremonies are not considered private gatherings.

What is a professional activity?

Professional activities are activities conducted by limited liability companies, partnerships, sole traders, economic associations, non-profit associations, foundations and faith communities.

Professional activities may be carried out both for profit or for non-profit purposes. Municipal and state activities can also be deemed to be professional activities. On the other hand, purely private activities are not deemed to be so, for example when someone lends their home to an acquaintance.

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This information was published on 25 March 2021. You are responsible for keeping yourself updated regarding the applicable rules. This is abbreviated information about what the temporary COVID-19 Act may entail for businesses offering rental and use of premises. Please note that previously adopted laws, regulations, ordinances and general advice to reduce the spread of infection continue to apply.

To see the full Act and the text of the regulation, please visit [riksdagen.se](https://www.riksdagen.se). To see the full regulation, general advice and general information, please visit [folkhalsomyndigheten.se](https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se). Regional information about COVID-19 can be found at [1177.se](https://www.1177.se). Contact details for the County Administrative Board and up-to-date information on supervision based on the COVID-19 Act can be found at [lansstyrelsen.se](https://www.lansstyrelsen.se).