

Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Position on Open Houses

Please be advised of the current position from DHHS as recently outlined in an FAQ on its website regarding Open Houses:

Q: What gathering rules apply to open house events and private real estate showings?

A: Any event that takes place in or at a residence must adhere to the residential gathering limits – even if the residence is vacant. Accordingly, open houses, real estate showings, and all other events at residential properties must not exceed 15 people from 3 households indoors at the same time.

Open houses can be held; however, no more than three households (the listing agent and two prospective buyer households) can be inside the home at one time. Seller clients may still authorize non-traditional open houses whereby the listing agent can advertise parameters for seeing the property in advance, requiring some form of sign-in with the listing agent that the prospective buyer has arrived, and the prospective buyer would wait in their vehicle until they are