

Social Circles and Dancing Explained

Reference documents:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/create-social-circle-during-covid-19>

Ontario refers to Social Bubbles as Social Circles

There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding about 'bubbles' ('social circle' as the Ontario Government calls it) so this document is a straight forward (and hopefully simple) explanation. To stay consistent we will refer to 'Social Circles' as **bubbles**

Advantages of being in the same **bubble**:

- A) You do not have to physically distance
- B) You can hug, touch and dance together (even in close embrace)
- C) You do not have to wear a face covering (**HOWEVER** you may still need to wear a face covering for other reasons)

By definition everybody in Ontario is already a member of a **bubble** (i.e. their own household). But there could be more than just you in that **bubble**

It is perfectly OK to have you and a non-related dance partner join together to form a new **bubble** **BUT** this means **EVERY MEMBER** of that dance partners current **bubble** and **EVERY MEMBER** of your current **bubble** now creates your **new bubble** AND there is a MAXIMUM of 10 PEOPLE in the new **bubble**.

But (and this is the good part) you could have multiple dance partners in your new **bubble** as long as the maximum people in the **bubble** is 10 members

HOWEVER you can **ONLY be a member OF ONE BUBBLE** (as defined by the Ontario Government) AND you are NOT ALLOWED to switch **bubbles**, so the ONLY **bubble** you are now a member of is your new **bubble**. **NOTE:** It is not specified what happens if you want to 'divorce' your dance partner, and create a new **bubble** with a different dance partner. But we have to assume that you will have to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Now these **bubbles** are different than 'groups' or 'gatherings'. Members of a 'social circle' can dance together (even in close embrace) but have to keep 6 feet away from any other **bubbles** (social circles.)

While attending any event organized by TangoLoft or Argentine Tango Toronto El Abrazo patrons must identify themselves as belonging to a specific bubble and are only permitted to dance or take a class with member of that bubble. They must maintain 2 meters distance for all other patrons who are not a member of their bubble.

ALSO there is an overall maximum of 50 people attending any indoor 'gathering' as per Ontario guidelines updated August 14, 2020:

<https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/08/ontario-supporting-the-safe-reopening-of-more-spaces-at-gyms-and-recreation-centres.htm> which states: As of August 15, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., facilities can have up to 50 patrons for each indoor sport or fitness activity, while ensuring physical distancing of at least two metres.