



Considerations for Outdoor Dining During COVID 19 State Order

This guide is intended to provide considerations for Cities or Food Facility Operators who have questions about setting up outdoor dining areas during the COVID-19 Recovery Stages.

- 1. Lines for Take Out** - The food facility operator is responsible for ensuring and monitoring social/physical distancing but may need assistance from law or code enforcement if members of the public become uncooperative. Consider developing standards for uniform use of floor markings used to guide social/physical distancing.
- 2. Outside Dining** - Implement spacing of tables to allow for at least 6 ft between customers while seated (6 feet between chairs). If tables are on the sidewalk - an impermeable and cleanable barrier that is at least 6 feet high should be provided to protect diners from pedestrians if 6 feet social/physical distancing is not possible. Local zoning officials should be consulted if tables will be placed on sidewalks or in parking lot areas.
- 3. Separate Order and Delivery Areas and Curbside Pickups** - Businesses should be encouraged, if they provide take out, to have separate order and delivery areas - Local zoning officials should be consulted if curbside pickup parking spots/zones are needed.
- 4. Online orders and Reservations** - Businesses are encouraged to have online ordering and to institute use of a reservation process to discourage gathering in wait areas.
- 5. Designate Monitors** - Designate ambassadors to help monitor social/physical distancing practices during busy times.
- 6. Trolleys/Public Transit Coordinated by a City** - Considerations include social/physical distancing on trolleys and at trolley waiting areas, instituting a cleaning and sanitizing protocol, and adding a Plexiglas barrier for the driver.
- 7. Cleaning and Disinfection Protocol for Public Areas** - Institute a plan with procedures for disinfecting high touch surfaces such as benches, bathrooms, rails, traffic light push buttons, etc. Use products approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved list and follow product instructions: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/listn-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- 8. Post Signage Reminders** - Post signage to remind people about social/physical distancing, facial coverings, and staying home when ill with COVID-19 symptoms.
- 9. Temporary Outdoor Plaza Dining** - If tables or other seating for dining are available, institute a plan and procedures to clean and sanitize between uses. A pedestrian traffic - people moving plan should also be considered during busier times.
- 10. Handwashing stations or Hand Sanitizer dispensers (60% alcohol minimum)** - Consider placing handwashing stations or contactless hand sanitizer dispensers in public areas.