

FOOD ESTABLISHMENT GUIDANCE

(Including restaurants, bars, food trucks, convenience stores)

Utah Leads Together

For more information, visit: coronavirus.utah.gov/utahs-health-guidance-system/

As the community moves through phased risk guidance, we encourage you to continue to implement protective measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We understand that each facility is unique and operates under different circumstances. The guidance does not address every situation. Adaptation may be needed for your setting. **During this stabilization phase, dine-in services, including buffets and bars are opened, with tables arranged so there is appropriate distance between diners; as well as increased hygiene practices for customers and staff.** Please work with your employees and patrons to implement the following:

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Takeout Services

- Staff wear face coverings when 6-foot distance is difficult to maintain
- Stagger workstations so workers can maintain a 6-foot distance and do not face one another unless barriers are used, or face coverings are worn

Dine-In Guidance

- Limit tables to groups of 10, preferably members of the same household
- Groups of patrons at a table must maintain a distance of 6 feet from patrons of other parties at all times; either move tables or mark off tables not to be used
- In waiting areas, a 6-foot distance must be maintained between parties, whether indoor or outdoor
- Maintain signage to remind individuals from separate parties to stand at least 6 feet apart; waiting area has floor markers to indicate proper spacing
- Hosts preferably open doors for customers and guide them to their seats to prevent traffic or congregating

CLEANING & HYGIENE

Takeout Services

- Encourage contactless payment; if not possible, disinfect transaction terminal between customers
- Staff must sanitize hands between handling payment options and food/containers
- When delivering food, drivers use hand sanitizer before passing delivery to customers and use disposable containers/packaging that do not need to be returned

Dine-In Guidance

- The restaurant may not operate if personal protective equipment (PPE), EPA-approved disinfectants and sanitizers, soap, and other necessary cleaning supplies are not available
 - Chlorine (bleach) at 100-200 ppm is recommended
- Staff avoid touching items that have been placed on the table (menus, plates, utensils, pens, cups, etc.); table cleared by a dedicated staff member once all guests have left
- Staff perform hand hygiene between interactions with each table

- Staff member sanitizes the area occupied by customers upon departure including tables, menus, pens, salt and pepper shakers, etc. and conducts sanitization of high-touch surfaces throughout the day as needed
- Hand sanitizer must be available immediately adjacent to bathrooms
- Staff must use gloves when handling ready-to-eat foods (including ice); gloves are not required when handling foods that have yet to be cooked
- To-go boxes, pizza boxes, paper cups, and any other paper product that touches food must be treated as food
- Consider use of disposable items if possible
- Encourage contactless and non-signature payment; when not possible, card and payment stations must be sanitized after each use; staff must sanitize hands between handling payment options and food/containers
- Close restaurant for cleaning and disinfecting in the morning; if the restaurant operates 24 hours per day, close restaurant for cleaning and disinfecting each morning and evening; cleaning and disinfecting includes all tables, chairs, door handles, floors, bathrooms, and any high-touch surfaces

EMPLOYEE & PATRON PROTECTION

- Adhere to the Individual Guidance and General Business Guidance
- Exclude all employees and patrons who are sick (e.g., cough, fever, shortness of breath) from the establishment
- Employees who develop COVID-19 symptoms or get sick while at work should be separated from other employees/customers immediately and sent home; immediately clean and disinfect areas the sick employee visited
- Prohibit employees who have been instructed to isolate or quarantine from working until given health department clearance
- Employers provide PPE such as face coverings, hair nets, gloves, overalls

Takeout Services

- Symptom checking of employees (checklist or verbal), including temperature checks when feasible
- Staff wear face coverings when 6-foot distance is difficult to maintain

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- Manager checks each employee for symptoms before every shift and asks if any member of the employee's household has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days; log must be kept and available for inspection by the local health officer or designee
- Staff must wear face coverings at all times and perform hand hygiene between interactions with each table
- Cups, lids, napkins and straws must be handed directly to customers by staff
- Do not place utensils on table until patron is seated
- Buffet and self-serve restaurants will hand utensils, cups, plates and other service items directly to patrons; none of these items will be set out for patrons to self-serve; buffet restaurants will either provide staff who serve meals from the food bars, or patrons may self-serve from food bars if hand sanitizer is used by each patron each time they enter a different food bar line; where patrons are allowed to self-serve, serving utensils are replaced with clean utensils every 30 minutes; face coverings must be worn by patrons in food serving areas
- Indoor playgrounds in restaurants remain closed

SIGNAGE

Dine-In Guidance

- Upon entry, hosts point guests to signage that includes the following information:
 - Outlines symptoms and encourages that if the patron, or someone they live with, has COVID-19 symptoms, to please order takeout instead
 - Recommendation for high-risk individuals to order takeout/delivery instead of dining in for the protection of that individual

Refer to Appendix A: [Guidelines for Dine-in Restaurants Open, Utah Leads Together, Phased Guidelines](#)

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this COVID-19 pandemic.
Feel free to contact the Davis County Health Department with any questions at 801-525-5128.