

Guidelines for restaurant patios



- ✓ Be aware of the most current, credible public health information/recommendations, and communicate these to your employees and the public.
- ✓ To increase or add patio/outdoor dining areas, speak to your local municipal by-law department for approval.



Post signs at all entrances directing those that are ill to not enter. Advise employees to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with anyone who has been sick with the virus.



Use a screening tool to ensure the health of employees, volunteers and vendors in the workplace.



In the event of adverse weather, patrons are not permitted indoors for shelter. Overhead coverings may be used (e.g. canopies, tents without side panels, umbrellas, etc.); full enclosures are not permitted.



Use contactless payment systems and avoid handling money as much as possible.



Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces/equipment frequently - e.g. 1 teaspoon (5mL) bleach to 1 cup (250mL) water with a 2 minute contact time.



Washrooms provided for patrons and employees must be cleaned and disinfected frequently.



Provide/install physical barriers and signage reminders (e.g. one-way directional markings/flow, posting signs in high traffic areas, physical distancing, etc.).



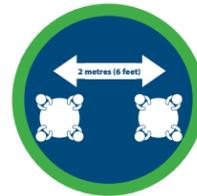
Ensure properly stocked, frequently cleaned and disinfected handwash and/or hand sanitizer stations are made available at the entrance and throughout the premises for everyone to wash/sanitize their hands as required.



Remind employees to wash their hands before and after eating and using the washroom. Post handwashing poster at the stations.



No more than 50% of the patio/outdoor dining area capacity can be used for service to patrons.



Ensure 2 metres (6 feet) physical distancing between tables, including the allowance for movement and seated patrons (where applicable).



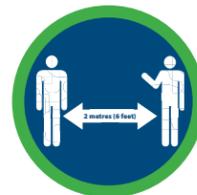
Consider using a reservation system to limit the number of patrons waiting outside and within the premise.



Patrons are only permitted inside the premises for payment & washroom use.



Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds where possible or use hand sanitizer.



Maintain physical distancing – keep 2 metres (6 feet) away from others. Do not gather in groups.



The use of a non-medical mask is recommended where physical distancing is not possible or difficult to maintain.



Avoid touching the face (eyes, nose and mouth).



Cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue and throw the tissue in the garbage and practice hand hygiene; if a tissue is not available, sneeze into your sleeve or arm.