

Outdoor Dining for Restaurants



As Philadelphia will enter a modified version of the state's yellow phase, Mayor Kenney's *Safer at Home reopening plan* provides details about how we will gradually reopen.

We have a shared responsibility to keep up progress to combat COVID-19.

Restaurants are a vital part of the Philadelphia economy and our community.

City departments and partner agencies are working together to safely encourage and expand options to businesses for outdoor seating and dining.

Residents and businesses should understand that outdoor dining needs to be opened safely and does not represent an opportunity to congregate.

Plan using the Safety Checklist

<https://www.phila.gov/guides/safer-at-home/>

Safety Checklist



Masks

Block the virus from spreading from infected individuals by wearing masks and requiring others to wear them.



Barriers

Use sneeze guards or plexiglass screens to prevent respiratory droplets expelled by infected persons from reaching others.



Isolate

Keep people who might be carrying the virus safely away from others (ideally at home).



Distance

Maintain space between people to reduce the chance that one infected individual will infect others.



Reduce crowds

Decrease the number of people that an infected person could pass the virus to if other steps are not successful.



Handwashing

Reduce the spread of virus from one person to another from touching contaminated surfaces.



Clean

Remove respiratory droplets that may contain virus from surfaces that people may touch.



Communicate

Ensure staff, customers, and others taking part in permitted activities understand this Safety Checklist.

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To support businesses affected by COVID-19, the City's Sidewalk Café programs will be expanded, some regulations will be relaxed, and review of new applications will be accelerated.



In anticipation of forthcoming guidance, businesses should consider the following types of outdoor operations:

- Sidewalk Café
- Streetery
- Temporary Street Closure



Applications will be processed through the City's eCLIPSE website or by appointment in the Municipal Services Building.



All licenses will require:

- A plan for meeting Health Department regulations
- Minimum 6ft. social distance
- Safety protection for employees
- Access for emergency (ambulance, fire, etc.)
- Litter/recycling service or easy access for City Sanitation crews
- A point of contact responsible for maintaining operations
- Compliance with Mayor's Orders on business activity and public gatherings.

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In addition to expanding Sidewalk Café permits, the City is in the process of creating new guidelines for converting on-street parking spaces for outdoor dining and temporary street closures.

Sidewalk Café



Sidewalk Café - Extension



Collaboration with an adjacent business

Streeterly



Street level

Temporary Street Closure



Private Lot Extension



Platform