

May 13, 2020

These have been trying and unusual times for everyone. As we approach May 20th and possible opening of outdoor seating at restaurants, we wanted to remind you of the latest directives from the Governor. All inside dining and bar areas will remain closed. Outdoor dining will be allowed with the following conditions:

- Recreational areas (i.e. playgrounds, pool tables, dance floors) must remain closed. All non-essential amenities must remain closed.
- Outside bar areas are not permitted.
- Dining tables must be a minimum of six (6) feet apart edge to edge to maintain proper social distancing, more if needed to maintain distancing between seated customers.
- Tables & chairs must be sanitized between groups.
- Disposable paper menus shall be used, or the menu can be posted on a chalkboard/whiteboard.
- Single use condiment packets should be used.
- Silverware must be packaged or rolled in a napkin to protect it.
- Employees must wear facemasks or cloth face coverings.
- Table servers must wear disposable gloves, changed frequently.
- Maximize air flow in the kitchen and space work stations to maintain social distancing between employees.
- Separate entrances and exits must be enforced to encourage one-way flow in the facility.
- Social distancing markers should be easily visible on the floors in areas where people may line up (i.e. entrance, restrooms, cashier).
- Hand sanitizer should be made available at entrance and exit areas. Cleaning wipes should be made available near commonly used surfaces (i.e. tables and chairs, restroom)
- Clear signage must be posted outlining facility policies.
- Customers must wear facemasks or cloth face coverings except while dining.
- High contact areas and restrooms must be cleaned frequently.
- Touchless appliances should be used where possible (soap and towel dispensers, trash cans).
- Maximize outdoor air circulation. Walled tents are not allowed. Open canopies are okay where allowed by zoning.
- Contactless payment is preferred (credit cards preferred over cash).

Before you can open your doors, you must self-certify that you are following strict safety guidelines to keep your employees and customers safe. Please go to the ReOpenCT page (<https://business.ct.gov/recovery>) and read the reopening process guidance prior to May 20th. You will be able to print out a self-certify certificate to display at your business.

If you have been closed and are planning to open on or after May 20th, you will need an inspection prior to opening. If you have been open for take-out throughout this time, an inspection is not needed prior to the 20th. Please contact CCHD if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The CCHD Staff