



Town of Berlin

240 Kensington Road, Berlin, Connecticut

Key Information relating to outdoor business during ReOpen Connecticut (5-29-2020)

*Be aware that ReOpen Connecticut is an evolving situation and is subject to revised Executive Orders and requirements. Use Sector Phasing is to be followed in accordance with the Governor's orders. Sector rules and reopening requirements & Reopen Certify can be found on State links. (*see useful links, below*) Please check back for updates on the Town and State websites.

- Town approval is required for outdoor operation, including outdoor dining and retail sales. Use and location is to be in compliance with the attached permit, the Governor's Executive Order and other applicable codes at all times. Compliance, including any safety measures and conditions, is subject to Police, Fire, Health District and Zoning enforcement as applicable.
- Previously approved (recurring seasonal) outdoor dining areas may be reopened without this additional approval provided restrictions of the Executive Order are followed. Expansion of a previously approved area is subject to review.
- APPROVALS ARE TEMPORARY and do not authorize continued use or establishment of any nonconformity at expiration.
- Any use of Right-of-way and Liability Insurance are the responsibility of the applicant, see application.
- Alcoholic beverage service is permitted ONLY at establishments that hold a valid on-premises liquor permit and ONLY as an accessory to food service. No bar areas are currently permitted to be opened or established.
- Outdoor cooking and open flames are prohibited.
- Outdoor entertainment is prohibited, except as otherwise approved.
- Accessibility must be provided.
- Egress area must be kept clear.
- Outdoor use areas must be closed by 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9:00 p.m. Sunday – Thursday.

Be sure to include the following details in your application:

1. If a site plan/survey is available, please make a copy to mark up to submit with your application.
2. Occupancy for all outdoor uses is currently limited to 50% existing occupancy or as further limited to adhere to physical distancing requirements of 6 feet.
3. Fencing, bollards, roping or other delineation of the seating area is encouraged and may be required upon review of the plan. It also may be required to be enhanced if found to be inadequate.
4. Canopies, open tents or other area coverings are encouraged, both to protect occupants and to delineate outdoor use area. Building Permits may be required and will be expedited. Tents must be left open; walls are not permitted.
5. Accessibility must be provided.
6. Egress area must be kept clear.
7. Six (6) foot distancing markers are required for customer waiting, payment and restroom lines. One-way flow should be established for entrance-exit and other areas to promote
8. Clear signage for distancing, sanitizing stations, flow, ... etc. is required.
9. Signage including for parking, travel lanes and customer entrance/exit flow may be required to ensure safety.

Useful links and contacts:

State Covid19 webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>

Reopen Connecticut publications: <https://reopen.ct.gov/>

Town Departments: <https://www.town.berlin.ct.us/> Planning and Zoning: 860-828-7008, Building Department: 860-828-7012, Fire Marshal: 86-828-7053, Economic Development 860-828-7005

Central Connecticut Health District 860-785-8380 -- See attached Central Connecticut Health District Information Sheet

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