

Memorandum

To: Food Service Premises Owners/Operators
From: CK Public Health
Date: June 10, 2021
Re: Rules for Areas in Step 1 - Information for Food Premises

Dear Food Service Premises Operator:

Effective Friday, June 11th at 12:01 a.m., Ontario will move into Step One of its [Roadmap to Reopen](#). **Food or drink establishments** permitted to open under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020*, are required under [O. Reg. 82/20: RULES FOR AREAS IN SHUTDOWN ZONE AND AT STEP 1](#) to adhere to the following **measures**:

- No indoor dining or buffet-style service may be provided.
- No more than **four** people may be seated together at an outdoor dining table unless everyone seated at the table is
 - a member of the same household,
 - a member of up to one other household who lives alone, or
 - a caregiver for any member of either household.
- Outdoor dining is limited to the number that can maintain physical distancing of at least 2 metres between all persons at the establishment.
- A sign indicating the maximum capacity (number of dine-in patrons) must be posted by the establishment in a location visible to the public. **See attached 'capacity template'**.
- Outdoor dining areas covered by a roof, canopy, tent, awning or other element must have at least two full sides of the entire outdoor dining area open to the outdoors and not substantially blocked by any walls or other impermeable physical barriers.
- Require patrons to be seated at all times in any outdoor dining area, except
 - While entering the area and while moving to their table,
 - While placing or picking up an order,
 - While paying for an order,
 - While exiting the area,
 - While going to or returning from the washroom,
 - While lining up for a permissible reason, or
 - Where necessary for the purposes of health and safety.
- The outdoor dining area must be set up so that patrons seated at different tables are separated by a distance of at least 2 metres or an impermeable barrier.
- Require and record contact information for all dine-in patrons. **See attached 'COVID-19 Patron log'**
- Takeout, drive-through and delivery services are permitted, including alcohol.
- Establishments must ensure that patrons and workers wear masks or face coverings indoors, with [limited exceptions](#).
- Line-ups and patrons congregating outside the establishment must be managed by the establishment; patrons must maintain physical distance of at least 2 metres.

- Line-ups of patrons inside the establishment must be managed by the establishment; patrons must maintain physical distance of at least 2 metres **AND** wear a mask or face covering.
- **Active screening of dine-in patrons is required.** This can be completed by:
 - Having patrons complete the [online provincial screening tool](#) on their cell phone and show they passed,
 - Having patrons self-screen by reading all screening questions and signing off that they passed at the entrance (see attached printable version of provincial screening tool), or
 - Having a staff member asking the questions at the entrance (see attached printable version of provincial screening tool).
- Dancing, singing and the live performance of music is prohibited
- Limit volume of music to be low enough that a normal conversation is possible
- Worker protections, such as personal protective equipment (PPE) including masks and eye protection, are required where persons without face coverings are within 2 metres of workers, unless separated by plexiglass or some other impermeable barrier.
- Nightclubs and strip clubs are only permitted to operate as a restaurant or bar.
- [Safety plan](#) must be prepared and made available upon request. A copy must be posted in a conspicuous place where it is most likely to come to the attention of individuals working in or attending the business.

If you have any further questions, please contact CK Public Health COVID-19 intake line at 519.355.1071 x 1900.

RESOURCES:

[What to do if an employee is showing symptoms of COVID-19](#)

[If you are showing signs of COVID-19 at work](#)

Poster for Workplaces: [Workplace Poster](#)

Physical Distancing Poster: [Physical Distancing](#)

Passive Screening Poster: [COVID-19 Screening for public places](#)

Cleaning and Disinfecting Resource: [Cleaning and Disinfection](#)