



June 10, 2020

Dear Food Premises Owner/Operator:

Re: Food Premises

The Ontario government announced June 8, 2020, Stage 2 of reopening several businesses and public settings within the province.

Public Health Sudbury & Districts is one of the permitted regions that may proceed to Stage 2. This is effective at 12:01 a.m., June 12, 2020.

With the **right** to reopen businesses and public settings in our communities, comes the critical **responsibility** to do so in a *COVID-safe* way. The simple yet effective practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are more important now than ever.

Part of your responsibility as owner/operator is to ensure compliance with Ontario Regulation 82/20, Schedule 3 under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, which states:

1. (1) The person responsible for a place of business that is open shall ensure that the business operates in accordance with all applicable laws, including the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the regulations made under it.
- (2) The person responsible for a place of business that is open shall operate the business in compliance with the advice, recommendations and instructions of public health officials, including any advice, recommendations or instructions on physical distancing, cleaning or disinfecting.

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has the following expectations for all workplaces and public places in our service area:

- Effective measures to maintain physical distancing amongst all employees and clients are in place.
- Unless the nature of work requires the use of a medical mask, all individuals wear a [non-medical mask \(for example, a homemade cloth mask or face covering\)](#) when physical distancing is challenging or not possible.

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- Screening practices are in place for employees and members of the public. Those who are ill are expected to stay home and are advised to be tested for COVID-19.
- Excellent hygiene practices including hand hygiene, and cough and sneeze etiquette is supported and encouraged.

What we know today

The Ontario government has released a [Framework for Reopening our Province: Phase 2: Restart – Stage 2](#). Under this framework, establishments providing food services including restaurants, bars, food trucks, and all other food and drink establishments (for example, wineries, breweries, and distilleries) can open for dining in **outdoor areas only**, such as patios, curbside, parking lots, and adjacent premises. Proper health and safety protocols must be in place:

- Establishments must take appropriate measures to ensure physical distancing of at least two metres (six feet) between patrons from different households, including:
 - Using reservations.
 - Limiting number of patrons allowed in the outdoor space at one time. This number must never exceed the maximum capacity designated by your local building department.
 - Ensuring enough space between tables, including to allow for movement.
- Access to indoor facilities is limited to patio/outdoor dining area access, food pickup, payment, washrooms, or other health and safety purposes.
- Liquor sales licensees who wish to temporarily extend the physical size of their existing licensed patio, or temporarily add a new licensed patio within the approved period, are authorized to do so, if all the following criteria are met:
 - The physical extension of the premises is adjacent to the premises to which the licence to sell liquor applies.
 - The municipality in which the premises is situated does not object to an extension.
 - The licensee is able to demonstrate sufficient control over the physical extension of the premises.
 - There is no condition on the liquor sales licence prohibiting a patio.
- Food services and restaurants with mall-only entrances may open for outdoor dining spaces, delivery, and take-out. **Dining in at indoor food courts is prohibited.**
- Entertainment amenities not permitted in Stages 1 or 2, such as movie theatres, remain closed.

Keep customers safe:

- Practise physical distancing.
- Increase cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces.

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- Wear PPE at all times, at minimum an appropriate non-medical mask/face covering and encourage clients to do the same.
- Wash your hands frequently and practise good hygiene.
- Get tested if you are worried you have or have been exposed to COVID-19.

Food services in any workplace setting are strongly advised to review and adopt workplace guidance for [restaurants and bars](#). This document has very specific details on how to operate your food premises in a *COVID-safe* manner. A public health inspector will be confirming these precautions are in place during their inspection.

Refer to the [Workplace Safety & Prevention Services Guidance on Health and Safety for Restaurant Servers, Cooks and Dishwashers during COVID-19](#) document and the [Ministry of Health COVID-19 Guidance for Food Premises Best Practices Summary Sheet](#) for best practices for minimizing the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Your public health inspector will ensure safety precautions are met at your compliance inspection.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact a public health inspector at 705.522.9200, ext. 464 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200). Visit www.phsd.ca/COVID-19 for additional information and resources.

Thank you,

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