



Restaurants & Bars

COVID-19 (RE)OPENING DECISION TREE*

Are You Ready to Open?

Follow this guide to help determine if your organization is ready to (re)open food service establishments—such as restaurants and bars—during the COVID-19 pandemic. Be sure to also check with your state and local health officials in order to take the most appropriate steps for a safe and responsible (re)opening.

NO

YES

1 Do you have PERMISSION?

Do your state and local orders permit restaurants and bars to be open?

2 Can you provide PROTECTION?

Can you comfortably check this box?

- Can you **PROTECT** employees at higher risk for severe illness?

3 Have you established POLICIES?

Can you check ALL FOUR boxes?

- Do you **COMMUNICATE** and **PROMOTE** healthy hygiene practices (hand washing; employees wearing cloth face coverings) as feasible?
- Have you intensified **CLEANING, DISINFECTION, and VENTILATION** of facilities and transportation vehicles/ buses?
- Do you encourage—verbally and through signs and messaging—anyone who is sick to **STAY HOME**?
- Do you encourage **SOCIAL DISTANCING** and enhanced spacing by encouraging drive-through, delivery, curbside pick-up, spacing of tables/stools, limiting party sizes and occupancy, avoiding self-serve stations, restricting employee shared spaces, and rotating or staggering shifts, if feasible?

4 Do you have a PLAN?

Can you check ALL SIX boxes?

- Do you have **PROCEDURES** to check for signs and symptoms in employees daily upon arrival?
- Have you **TRAINED** all employees on health and safety protocols?
- Do you have a **PLAN** for if employees get sick?
- Do you have a plan for **COMMUNICATING AND MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS** with local authorities and employees?
- Do you have a flexible employee **LEAVE POLICY** and practices?
- Are you ready to **CONSULT** with local health authorities if there are cases in your facility or an increase in cases in the local area?



Yes.
But monitor.

If ANY boxes are un-checked...



No.
Do not open.



Not yet.
Keep preparing.

*This decision tree is a modified design of an original produced by the United States Center for Disease Control (CDC). Language has been edited from the original but the concept and checkbox points come directly from the CDC's original design.

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