

Executive Order for Restaurants and Bars Questions and Answers

The executive order closes dine-in facilities at all restaurants and bars statewide.

All restaurants and bars shall close their dine-in facilities. Such businesses that offer carry-out, delivery, and drive-through food and beverage service may continue to do so but eating and drinking inside restaurants and bars is temporarily prohibited. Such businesses offering carry-out, delivery, and drive-through food and beverage should employ social distancing best practices and minimize gathering of customers. The Governor urges Maine people to continue to support our establishments by purchasing take-out meals or by buying gift cards or other measures of support.

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Common Questions

Q: Can hospital cafeteria dining rooms remain open?

A: It is recommended for staff and visitors to eat elsewhere but if this is not possible, staff and visitors should practice social distancing.

Q: Can work cafeterias dining rooms remain open?

A: Where staff have no other place to eat during their work shifts, they should practice social distancing.

Q: How can hotels and B&Bs provide meals/snacks to their lodging guests?

A: Hotels and B&Bs can stay open but communal dining areas cannot be used. Meals and snacks can be provided to guests, but it is recommended the food be left outside their door to avoid face-to-face contact.

Q: Are “car hops” and drive in take-outs okay to serve customers in their vehicles?

A: Yes. Practice social distancing and no communal dining. Car trays must be washed, rinsed, and sanitized after each customer. Single service trays are even better.

Q: If an establishment has outside seating, may they make this available for patrons?

A: No.

Q: Can salad bars or breakfast buffet bars stay open to patrons if they don't eat inside?

A: No

Q: Can patrons come into the restaurant to pick up take-out meals?

A: Yes. Establishments should put a system in place to ensure social distancing is maintained as patrons pick up their order.

