



## **CITY OF PALM SPRINGS RULES FOR RESTAURANTS DURING COVID-19**

### **#PSKeepingYouSafe**

- Restaurants are only allowed to operate “outdoors.” Based on the State Guidance, if a restaurant’s area is directly served by air conditioning, then that area is considered “indoors” and cannot be used for dining.
- Take-out and delivery are still permitted, and encouraged.
- Seating must be reconfigured so as to maintain at least six feet of distance between patrons in seats and other patrons at the same table from different households and from people sitting at neighboring tables. The minimum six feet of distance is not between the tables, but between people not from the same household when in their seats.
- All bars, brewpubs, breweries and pubs must close all operations both indoor and outdoor, unless they are offering sit-down, outdoor, dine-in meals.
- “Meals” are defined as “the usual assortment of foods commonly ordered at various hours of the day.” The State Alcoholic Beverage Control looks at “the various menu offerings, availability during typical meal hours, and whether the food offered is served in a reasonable quantity and what a reasonable person might consider to be a meal consumed at breakfast, lunch, or dinner.” Some things that are NOT considered meals are:
  - snacks (pretzels, popcorn, pickles, chips);
  - appetizers (cheese sticks, fried calamari, chicken wings, egg rolls, pot stickers, flautas); and
  - side dishes (such as rolls, French fries, onion rings, mashed potatoes).
- Alcohol can only be sold in the same transaction as a meal. If a patron is going to be ordering more than one drink throughout his/her meal, that patron is encouraged to order all drinks at the same time, in order to minimize the amount of time spent within six feet of restaurant workers. No alcoholic beverages can be ordered once the meal is finished.
- Face coverings must be worn by patrons while dining in-person including when entering, leaving, and going to restrooms, but not while seated at a table. However, when seated at the table, patrons need to put on face coverings when a waiter/waitress or other staff approaches the table.
- Bar areas are to be closed to customers.
- Live entertainment is not permitted.

For more information about outdoor dining, please visit [www.palmspringsca.gov/alfresco](http://www.palmspringsca.gov/alfresco).