

Guidelines for Food Premises Reopening Within Stage 2

Attention: Food Premise Operators

Under Phase 2 of the provincial government's [Framework for Reopening our Province](#), food premises are now able to offer customers patio dining as well as take-out, delivery and curbside pick-up. Outdoor areas for dining can include patios, parking lots and adjacent premises.

The rules for distancing, service, and cleaning and sanitation that apply to the indoor area of the food premise also apply to patios.

The Liquor License Act has been amended as of June 12, 2020 and until January 1, 2021, to allow liquor sales licensees who wish to temporarily extend the physical size of their existing licensed patio, or to temporarily add a new licensed patio, within the approved period, if the following criteria are met:

1. The physical extension of the premises is adjacent to the premises to which the license to sell liquor applies;
2. The municipality does not object to an extension.
3. The licensee is able to demonstrate control over the physical extension of the premises.
4. There is no condition on the liquor sales license prohibiting a patio; and,
5. The capacity of any new patio, or extended patio space where the licensee has an existing licensed patio, does not exceed 1.11 square meters per person.

Staff:

- Screen staff daily to confirm that they are not ill. This can be done by asking them a number of [questions about their health](#).
- Staff who are ill **must** be excused from work
- Staff who are ill should remain at home and complete the [online self-assessment](#). They can call their health care provider or the Health Unit if they have COVID-19 related symptoms
- Contact the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit by calling 1-866-888-4577 ext. 5020 for more information.

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Patios:

- Post signage at all entrances reminding customers not to enter if they are ill
- Patios must comply with all local municipal requirements. Contact municipalities for further guidance.
- Patio must be open to the air from three sides;
- Canopies and umbrellas are allowed for sunshade.
- Maintain 2m / 6 feet between tables.
- Consider installing temporary table dividers
- Groups must be seated two 2m / 6 feet from another group.
- Limit the time servers spend within two 2m / 6 feet of customers.
- Allow space for the safe circulation of customers and staff.
- Consider a reservation system to avoid lines of waiting customers.
- Ensure that lines of waiting customers remain 2m / 6 feet from patio customers.
- Clearly mark floor where a line-up may occur keeping 2 m / 6 feet between customers.
- Mark the direction of travel to designated entrances and exits, pick up areas and washrooms.
- Post signage promoting physical distancing at entrances.
- Provide one or more means of exit.
- Always monitor and marshal patrons to maintain 2m / 6 feet distance.
- Clean and disinfect washrooms frequently
- Enhance cleaning of high touch areas in the food premises and patio

Additional Resources:

[Premises requirements are identified in the Food Guidance Document](#)

[Workplace Safety and Prevention Services Guidance on Health and Safety for Food Retail Sector during COVID-19](#)

[Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario Information Bulletin: Liquor sales licensees may extend their patios for the duration of 2020 once permitted to open](#)

[Mask Use for Non-Health Care Workers](#)

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