

Outdoor Dining Guide



The purpose of this guide is to assist Village of Channahon bars and restaurants to temporarily offer off-premise (outdoor) dining/beverage service until the State allows bars and restaurants to utilize their facilities (indoor) for operation. Applicable businesses wishing to offer temporary off-premise (outdoor) dining/beverage service is voluntary, but those who elect to participate should adhere to the minimum guidelines outlined in this document. Applicable businesses wishing to establish a temporary off-premise dining/beverage service area should consult with their insurance company, risk managers, etc. prior to embarking on this endeavor.

This document provides guidance and direction for restaurants, craft breweries and bars to support a safe and clean environment for workers and customers. It is essential that all possible steps be taken to ensure the safety of workers and the public.

Applicable Businesses

Applicable businesses include those businesses that prepare and serve food and/or serve beverages, including alcoholic, who have been restricted pursuant to previous Executive Orders.

If the applicable business carries a valid, current liquor license at the time of the issuance of Executive Orders, the license may be utilized in the delineated temporary off-premise dining/beverage service area. Off-premise dining/beverage service area is defined as an area immediately adjacent or on the same property of the primary location.



Key Prevention Practices

- Physical distancing to the maximum extent possible.
- Use of face coverings by employees and customers/clients.
- Frequent handwashing and regular cleaning and disinfection.
- Training employees on elements of COVID-19 prevention.
- Processes in place to identify cases of illness in the workplace and when/if identified, intervene quickly and minimize exposures to others.

Requirements



Restaurants with existing outdoor dining and restaurants/bars that wish to temporarily establish a temporary off-premise outdoor dining/ beverage service should note the following:

1. Establishment shall comply with applicable public health department rules and regulations and laws, ordinances and executive orders.
2. Smoking within delineated area is prohibited.
3. Tables should be spaced a minimum of 6-feet apart.
4. The temporary outdoor dining/beverage service area shall be located adjacent to the indoor facility.
5. The temporary outdoor dining/beverage service area shall be closed no later than 10 p.m.
6. The temporary outdoor dining/beverage service area should not disturb the lawful use and quiet enjoyment of nearby properties.
7. The temporary outdoor dining/beverage service area should be open air but may utilize awnings or top coverings.
8. Adequate safeguards should be in place for security, crowd control and lighting control.
9. Live entertainment and electronically amplified music or sound shall not be permitted.
10. Bar seating is prohibited, however, service bars are allowed to allow for the preparation of drinks.
11. Outdoor trash receptacles should be provided and maintained.
12. No liquor served in an open container shall be removed from the temporary off-premise dining/beverage service area.
13. Except for restroom visits and take-out orders, indoor premises are closed for public use.
14. Face coverings should be required for customers/public to enter the indoor premises (i.e. for restroom use and take-out orders).
15. All customer facing employees should wear face coverings.
16. No individual parties larger than 6 persons, including children, are allowed. The number of patrons allowed at a single table shall be limited to a household unit or patrons who ask to be seated together. People in the same party seated together do not have to be 6 feet apart. All patrons in the delineated area must be seated in order to be served or consume food or beverage. Customers should remain seated except when entering or leaving the temporary facility.
17. If parking areas are proposed for the temporary outdoor dining/beverage service area, up to 25% of the total number of parking spaces may be utilized. Restaurants/bars within a strip mall, plaza, shopping center or other multi-tenant space shall secure written permission from the property manager/owner prior to the establishment of any temporary off-premise dining/beverage service area into common parking, pedestrian or greenspace areas. Written proof of such permission must be presented to the Village.
18. A temporary physical barrier should enclose the temporary outdoor dining/beverage service area.
19. Sidewalks, driveways, drive aisles, drive through, fire lanes or other means of traffic circulation must be maintained.
20. ADA parking spaces are required and access to/from those spaces shall not be impeded.
21. The temporary outdoor dining/beverage service area shall be accessible to the disabled and shall comply with all applicable federal, state and Village laws and ordinances concerning accessibility.
22. Upon expiration of the state orders restricting the indoor use of premises for dining and beverage services, the use of the temporary off-premise dining/beverage service area shall cease and all areas used for the temporary off-premise dining/beverage service area shall be returned to their original use.
23. Village approval is required prior to utilizing temporary outdoor dining/beverage service area. Approval is required from the Village Administrator or his designee. Application shall be made in writing and shall be informal, however, a sketch plan of the proposed area must be submitted.
24. Temporary outdoor dining/beverage service areas shall not be located on Village owned property or public right-of-way.
25. Bars/restaurants that have existing Class L or Class G licenses do not require a temporary permit to operate in the areas permitted by those licenses and may operate under the terms and conditions of those licenses without the need for a temporary permit. The Licensee shall comply with all Executive Orders and other regulations required by health departments and the State of Illinois.