

REOPENING RESTAURANTS AND BARS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



The purpose of this tool is to assist businesses in the food service industry, such as restaurants and bars, in making decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to check with state and local health officials and other partners to determine the most appropriate actions.

Should you consider opening?

- ✓ Is the restaurant or bar in a community no longer requiring significant mitigation*?
- ✓ Will reopening be in compliance with state and local orders?
- ✓ Will you be ready to protect employees at higher risk for severe illness?

ANY
NO



ALL
YES



Are recommended safety actions in place?

- ✓ Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing, wearing a cloth face covering
- ✓ Intensify cleaning, sanitization, disinfection, and ventilation
- ✓ Ensure social distancing such as drive-through, delivery, curb-side pick up, increasing spacing of tables/stools, limiting party sizes and occupancy, avoiding self-serve stations, restricting employee shared spaces, rotating or staggering shifts
- ✓ Train all staff on safety actions

ALL
YES



Is ongoing monitoring in place?

- ✓ Check for signs and symptoms of employees
- ✓ Encourage employees who are sick to stay home
- ✓ Plan for if an employee gets sick
- ✓ Regularly communicate with local authorities and employees
- ✓ Monitor staff absences and have flexible leave policies and practices
- ✓ Be ready to close if there are increased cases

ALL
YES



OPEN AND
MONITOR

ANY
NO



ANY
NO



*In areas with significant mitigation, limit services to drive-throughs, curbside take out, or delivery