



FOOD & BEVERAGE GUIDE

BRINGING EVENTS BACK

Austin-Travis County Covid-19 Safety Guide for Venues & Special Events

COVID-19 Health and Safety standards for food and beverage service for venues and special events.

SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICE PROVIDERS

All food and beverage service providers including but not limited to in house dining, caterers, and food trucks servicing an event must be properly permitted and ensure they are following the minimum recommended health protocols and checklists from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Social Distancing for Food and Beverage Service

- A group of 10 or fewer individuals must be at least six feet from another group of ten or fewer individuals except when the groups are seated at tables that are at least four feet apart and separated by a solid barrier.
- Groups must always maintain at least 6 feet of distance from other groups.
- A booth may be next to another booth if a partition is constructed between them.
- Tables should generally be at least 6 feet apart from another table.
- Make hand sanitizing stations available upon entry to the food and beverage areas.

Sanitation Requirements for Food and Beverage Service

- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any regularly touched surfaces.
- Regularly and frequently clean restrooms and portable toilets.
- Disinfect any items that come in to contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant prominently available throughout all work areas.
- Place visible signage to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.

Food Packaging & Service for Food and Beverage Service

- Bulk food items must be pre-packaged for vending.
- Remove traditional tabletop items on an unoccupied table or countertop.
- Provide condiments only upon request, and in single use (non-reusable) portions.
- Use disposable menus (new for each patron).
- If a buffet is offered, food and beverage area workers must serve the food to customers.
- Contactless payment is encouraged.

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