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Food Service Shifts to Take-Out and Delivery Only

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory virus – it is *not* considered to be a foodborne illness by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC). However, food facilities bring people from multiple communities into close contact with each other and have the potential to increase the transmission of COVID-19. For this reason, the Governor and California Department of Public Health strongly encourage all food facilities to stop dine-in service and shift operations to pick up and delivery only.

Specifically, guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) states:

Retail Beverage Service Venues

- Bars, wineries, breweries and pubs should be closed, except for venues that are currently authorized to provide off sale beer and wine to be consumed off premises are allowed.
- This guidance is not intended to affect production of beer and wine.
- Bars, breweries, pubs, and wineries that include meals provided by a full kitchen should follow the restaurant guidance below if they provide delivery or pick-up options.

Restaurants/Cafeterias

- Restaurants should be closed for in-restaurant seated dining and should be open only to drive-through or other pick-up/delivery options.
- Remind employees of best hygiene practices including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Increase frequency of cleaning and sanitizing per CDC Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection guidance of all hard surfaces, including tables and counter tops that are being utilized by employees and patrons during pickup/delivery options.

Grocery Stores/Charitable Food Distribution Sites

- Grocery stores and charitable food distribution sites should remain fully open and operational.

- As with other settings, ensure that social distancing of six feet per person for nonfamily members is maintained and make clear that family members can participate in activities together, stand in line together, etc.
- Limiting the number of customers at any given time as necessary to reduce outdoor/indoor crowding and lines to meet social distancing guidance.
- Increase cleaning and sanitizing frequency of restroom and other high contact areas.
- Train employees on best hygiene practices including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Additional opportunities throughout the venue for persons to reduce the spread of the virus through hand washing or sanitizing stations.

The full California Department of Public Health Guidance can be found at the following link:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR20-024.aspx>

As COVID-19 information is rapidly changing, we will update this guidance as necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Environmental Health at 283-6355. Thank you for helping prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.