

Restaurant, Tavern, Breweries, Wineries and Distilleries COVID-19 Requirements

Summary of January 11, 2021 changes:

1. Phase 1: Restaurants and Bars are closed for indoor dine-in service. Outdoor and open-air dining and to-go service are permitted, provided that all outdoor/open-air dining must comply with the requirements of the Outdoor and Open-air Seating Guidance [here](#).
2. Phase 2: Indoor seating is permitted.
3. For all phases:
 - Seating capacity is limited to 25% as long as proper physical distance between tables can be achieved.
 - Table size for is limited to a maximum of six (6) people with a maximum of two households per table.
 - Alcohol service is prohibited after 11 pm.

Restaurants, taverns, breweries, wineries and distilleries must adopt a written procedure that is at least as strict as the requirements in this document and that complies with the appropriate safety and health requirements and guidelines established by the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries and the Washington State Department of Health.

Prior to recommencing on-site services, all business owners are required to develop at each establishment, a comprehensive COVID-19 exposure control, mitigation, and recovery plan which must be adhered to. A site-specific COVID-19 monitor shall be designated at each location to monitor the health of individuals and enforce the COVID-19 job site safety plan. A copy of the plan must be available at all locations and available for inspection by state and local authorities. Failure to meet this requirement may result in sanctions up to, and including, license suspension.

Phase 1

1. Indoor dining is prohibited. Outdoor and open-air dining and to-go service are permitted, provided that all outdoor/open-air dining must comply with the requirements of the Outdoor and Open-air Seating Guidance [here](#).
2. For liquor licensees who want to add outdoor seating to their premises, please go to the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB) website, [here](#), to access the Liquor Alterations Request Form. Please submit completed forms to liquoralterations@lcb.wa.gov.

Phase 2

1. Indoor dining is permitted.

All Phases

3. Table size is limited to a maximum of six (6) people and a maximum of two (2) households.
4. Tables must be placed a minimum of 6 feet away from adjacent tables, or there must be a physical barrier or wall separating booths or tables.
5. If the establishment does not offer table service (i.e. wait staff), they must have protocols in place

to ensure adequate social distancing at food and/or drink pick-up stations, and within their seating area.

6. Alcohol service, delivery, and consumption, including beer, wine, and spirits, must end at 11:00 p.m.
7. Vending and other game areas, including billiards, darts, and video games, are prohibited.
8. No bar area seating is permitted. This is the area with a bar table/counter where patrons sit or stand side-by-side. If an establishment has bar area seating it must be closed off to prohibit use. Counter-style seating is permitted in other areas of the establishment (indoors or outdoors). Six feet of distance is required between other tables.
9. Customers must wear a cloth face covering anytime they are not seated (while being seated or leaving, or while going to the restroom) and while they are talking at tables and not eating.
10. Single use menus or reusable menus that are sanitized after each use are required.
11. Minimize the number of staff serving any given table. It is strongly recommended that one staff person take a table's order, bring all of their beverages/food/utensils, take their payment, etc.
12. Hand sanitizer should be available at entry for all staff and patrons (assuming supply availability).
13. Any condiments typically left on the table (ketchup, soy sauce, etc.) must be single-use or sanitized after each use.
14. Buffets and salad bars are permitted and must follow Department of Health guidance.
15. All establishments must have implemented a plan to ensure proper physical distancing in lobby/waiting areas/payment counters.
16. Standing is prohibited in any area of establishment, except for the lobby/waiting area and then must be done while maintaining 6 feet of distance between patrons.
17. All live entertainment is prohibited.

Safety and Health Requirements

All restaurant, tavern, brewery, winery and distillery owners have a general obligation to maintain a safe and healthy workplace in accordance with state and federal law and safety and health rules for a variety of workplace hazards. Employers must specifically ensure operations follow the main Labor & Industries COVID-19 requirements to protect workers. COVID-19 workplace and safety requirements can be found [here](#).

Additional information is available at [Novel Coronavirus Outbreak \(COVID-19\) Resources](#) and [Paid Leave under the Washington Family Care Act and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#).