



## **City of Milpitas**

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### **Restaurants to Open Outdoor Dining in Milpitas**

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The City of Milpitas has developed Temporary Outdoor Dining Guidelines to support local restaurants reopen beginning June 5, 2020. The guidelines will assist local restaurants in setting up temporary outdoor dining areas in a manner consistent with state and county directives for social distancing and shelter in place. Links to the Guidelines and Application are available on the City of Milpitas Planning Department website at: [www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/planningdepartment](http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/planningdepartment).

In general, temporary outdoor dining areas may be located on sidewalks or patio areas adjacent to the front or sides of a restaurant. Parking spaces may also be used for outdoor dining, provided that temporary barriers such as low decorative walls or fencing, modular concrete or plastic barriers, or landscape planters are installed to ensure the safety of patrons. All areas used for outdoor dining must comply with ADA and other public safety access requirements.

Consistent with the latest County Health Order, the number of patrons seated at a single table will be limited to six, and seating arrangements must maintain a minimum six-foot seating distance between separate parties. Patrons who are members of the same household or living unit do not need to be six feet apart when seated together at a table. Members of separate households or living units are not allowed to dine at the same table.

County guidelines for temporary outdoor dining allow alcohol to be sold only in conjunction with a meal. Bar areas will remain closed to customers. Entertainment events and all forms of amplified sound are also prohibited.

Prior to opening for temporary outdoor dining, restaurant owners must submit an application to the City of Milpitas Planning Department and receive confirmation of registration. No fee will be charged to register with the City to provide temporary outdoor dining, and the program will remain in place until the County Health Officer lifts or modifies the current Health Order, or as directed by the Milpitas City Council. City staff will conduct periodic inspections of participating restaurants to ensure compliance with the guidelines.

To assist local restaurants in their marketing efforts, the City of Milpitas has created the “Let’s Dine Out, Milpitas!” campaign to encourage residents and returning workforce to patronize local restaurants. This information will be broadcast via the City’s social media and other outlets. For more information, contact [outdoor.dining@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:outdoor.dining@ci.milpitas.ca.gov).

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