

COVID-19 Foodservice Frequently Asked Questions in Response to Governor's Back on Track Indiana Plan

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Q: When can restaurants open?

A: In Hendricks County, restaurants may open at 50% seating capacity on May 11, 2020 (Stage 2 and Stage 3). In Stage 4 (beginning June 12, 2020), restaurants may open at 75% seating capacity. Currently, restaurants are in Stage 4.5 and shall remain at 75% seating capacity.

Q: Are face masks required for food service workers?

A: Yes, face masks are required for food service workers.

Q: Are buffets, customer beverage stations, and condiment stations allowed to be offered?

A: Self-service food stations (buffets, salad bars, etc.) are not permitted but self-service beverage stations are permitted. Customers may not refill their own mug, cup, or glass and refills are not permitted.

Q: How many customers are allowed to dine-in the restaurant?

A: During Stage 2 and Stage 3 (May 11-June 11, 2020), dining room service is open at 50% seating capacity. During Stage 4 (June 12-July 3, 2020), dining room service is open at 75% seating capacity. Currently, restaurants are in Stage 4.5 and shall remain at 75% seating capacity.

Q: Are bars allowed to be open?

A: Please visit Alcohol and Tobacco Commissions Frequently Asked Questions regarding this topic: <https://www.in.gov/atc/2854.htm> During Stage 2 and Stage 3 (May 11-June 11, 2020), patrons may not sit directly at the bar top. Remove bar stools to discourage seating. Patrons may sit at tables (adhering to social distancing guidelines) to dine-in at the facility. Bar seating at bar tops may open during Stage 4 (June 12-July 3, 2020), at 50% seating capacity. Currently, bars are in Stage 4.5 and shall remain at 50% seating capacity.

Q: How many patrons can be seated at a table?

A: The number of patrons per table is recommended to not exceed 6.

Q: Is live music allowed at restaurants?

A: Live music or live entertainment is currently allowed in Stage 4 (beginning June 12, 2020).

Q: Are disposable menus required?

A: Disposable menus are not required but highly encouraged. Think of it as a way to send home a menu with customers for future carry-out orders. If not using disposable menus, limit to one menu per table and menu will have to be sanitized after every use.

Q: Are condiment containers (salt and pepper shakers, ketchup bottles, etc) allowed to be on tables with customers?

Yes, but these items are recommended to be in pre-packaged containers or single-use packets. Anything left on tables, including payment kiosks, shall be sanitized after every use.

Q: Will Hendricks County have more restrictive guidelines?

A: At this time, Hendricks County is following the Governor's Back on Track Indiana plan.

Please visit Governor Holcomb's latest Executive Order and the Back On Track Indiana Plan at:

<https://www.in.gov/gov/2384.htm>

<https://backontrack.in.gov/>

These guidelines are subject to change in subsequent executive orders.