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## Lucas County Restaurant Re-Opening Support and Guidance

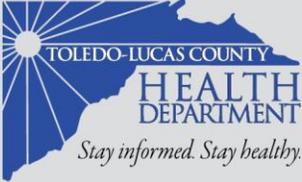
The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department's Food Sanitarians and City of Toledo personnel will work collaboratively to make sure establishments reopen safely and in accordance to Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine's "Responsible RestartOhio" orders. Beginning this week, the Health Department's Food Sanitarians will conduct inspections ensuring the health and safety of establishments, their employees and clients while verifying they are in compliance with COVID-19 specific requirements. City of Toledo code enforcement and building inspection staff will assist the health department inspectors in the city beginning May 15.

### A summary of General Business Guidance from Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health is as follows:

- All employees are required to wear face coverings.
- Businesses must comply with social distancing requirements, including designation of six foot distances with tape, signage, or other means.
- Businesses must have hand sanitizer and other sanitizing products available for employees and customers.
- Businesses must actively encourage sick employees to stay home.
- Businesses must frequently perform enhanced environmental cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.
- Businesses must be prepared to adjust and implement changes in policy and business practices, as needed.

### Required Bar and Restaurant Guidance from Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health, which incorporates the above guidelines, is as follows:

- Operating requirements and information may be found at this link:  
<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restart-ohio/sector-specific-operating-requirements/sector-specific-operating-requirements>
- Businesses must provide certifications to staff and management on COVID-19 ServSafe® protocols.
- Businesses are required to post COVID-19 related information.



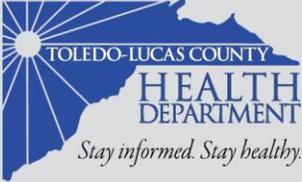
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- The maximum size of a party is 10 with social distancing requirements.
- Businesses must reconfigure space with a plan that provides for indoor and outdoor social distancing. The written plan does not need to be submitted to the health department in advance. The adjusted layout design must be posted and available to inspectors upon request.
- Businesses must remove all self-service areas in bars, restaurants, or cafeterias.
- Ordering, carry-out, and waiting areas must be clearly identified with tape, signage, or barriers.
- Businesses must limit entrances and exits of both vendors and customers.
- Non-food and beverage activities are still prohibited such as karaoke, entertainment, billiards, card playing, dancing, video games, pinball, or arcade games.
- Businesses must encourage and continue to use designated curbside pickup zones and to-go alcohol.

**City of Toledo- Lucas County guidelines are as follows:**

**DORA will be permitted for the Village on Adams ORA and Sylvania ORA, to be reinstated with the following conditions:**

- Beginning May 15, permissible seven days noon to 10 p.m.
- Disallow the travel from one establishment to the other.
- Sales must be to individuals being served at socially distanced table and NOT congregating on sidewalks in groups.
- Drink must originate from inside the business.
- No portable bar carts or outdoor sales of any kind is permitted.
- Sidewalk occupancy regulations will be ‘relaxed’ to allow for expanded outdoor service areas.
- ADA guidelines must still be considered when placing tables and chairs outside.
- Individuals must have the ability to walk past the tables on the sidewalk.



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- Temporarily, no permit will be required to set up outside. This is in effect through June 30, 2020.
- Bars and restaurant may set tables and chairs outdoors within the footprint of their building structure. No tents or other temporary structures will be permitted on public property or streets. If tents are being placed on private property, all requirements for permitting and inspection are in place.
- No side flaps will be permitted on tents.
- Tents over 400 feet are required to be 20 feet from any structure.
- If not included in liquor license, the creation of an outdoor seating area under a tent will not allow for outdoor alcohol sales, per Ohio Liquor control.
- Bars and restaurants may set tables and chairs outside within the footprint of their building structure.
- The intent of allowing tables outside is to provide socially distant space. Bars and restaurants will not be permitted to exceed their current occupancy limit.

Lucas County is subject to the Governor's Stay at Home Order through May 29, 2020. This includes staying at home unless absolutely necessary. If out of the house, groups of larger than ten are prohibited. As a result, the city of Toledo, in partnership with the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department will prohibit street closures, or further expansion opportunities, at this time. We will be monitoring the governor's orders and continue to review ideas and opportunities.

Restaurant/Bar Guidelines per the Ohio Department of Health: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Restaurants-and-Bars.pdf>

Retail guidelines per the Ohio Department of Health: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Consumer-Retail-Services.pdf>

Ability Center ADA requirements:  
<https://lucascountyhealth.com/coronavirusupdates/>

Toledo-Lucas County Health Department Non-Compliance/Complaint Hotline: 419-213-4161, option 4.

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