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This special edition of the Thrive! Business Newsletter is intended to provide information related to COVID-19 and a summary of the most up-to-date information your business needs to succeed in the wake of this pandemic.

These special edition newsletters will be distributed every Friday until they are no longer necessary.

Lakeville City Council Approves Temporary Patio Policy for Restaurants and Bars

During the May 26 work session, [the City Council approved an amended outdoor use policy for businesses](#). The amended policy allows restaurants and bars with liquor licenses to serve alcohol on temporary patio areas as long as they provide city staff with a site plan that shows seating to be compact and contiguous to the business, identifies the type of fencing used to delineate the temporary patio area, and proof of liquor licence liability insurance modification to reflect the new service area. No permits or fees are required.



Questions and documentation can be sent to [David Olson, Community & Economic Development Director via email](#) or [Kati Bachmayer, Economic Development Coordinator via email](#).

[**More information regarding this policy, along with up-to-date COVID-19 resources can be found on lakevillemn.gov.**](#)



TEMPORARY OUTDOOR PATIO POLICY

ALLOWS

- Temporary patios in parking areas and green spaces
- Temporary tables, tents and sun shelters
- On-site signage and storage
- Limited on-site directional signage

NO VARIANCE REQUIRED

- Cannot impede sidewalks or ADA accessibility
- Permission from property owner



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ORDER
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LIQUOR LICENSEES

- Must submit site plan to identify perimeter & fencing type
- Proof of liability insurance modification



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DEED Developments

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State of Minnesota Answers to Commonly Asked Questions

This information and more can be found on mn.gov/deed.

What establishments can be open for outdoor food and alcohol sales on June 1?

Restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, bars, taverns, brewer taprooms, micro distiller cocktail rooms, farm wineries, craft wineries, cideries, and golf courses may open for outdoor service.

Are restaurants and bars still allowed to be sell wine and beer curbside/to-go after June 1?

Yes, to-go sales of wine and beer are still permitted.

Are customers allowed to use the restrooms while dining outdoors?

Yes, customers can go indoors to use the restroom.

Are customers allowed to go indoors to access an outdoor space, such as a rooftop patio?

Yes, customers can go indoors if necessary to access an establishment's outdoor space.

What about inclement or sever weather? Can customers go indoors then?

Yes, in the event of inclement weather, customers may move indoors to package food and pay bills but must exit quickly - businesses should not allow customers to move indoors to continue their meal.

Can restaurants set up tents to offer dining in a screened-in or covered setting outdoors?

Yes, as long as at least half of the sides of the tent are open or screened.

What about fast-casual restaurants or cafes? Do they have to take reservations?

These establishments should plan to take on-site reservations for people who sit down at outdoor tables to eat or drink products they buy on site.

Why a 50 person maximum, instead of deciding on a percentage of total capacity?

A cap on the total number of people is more consistent with limiting the amount of people any person might come into contact with for extended periods of time.

Does the 50 person maximum include employees?

No. An establishment is limited to a maximum of 50 customers on the premises at any one point, not including employees.

Are restaurants required to keep a log of reservations?

No, restaurants are not required to keep a log, nor are they discouraged from doing so.

What if a restaurant doesn't have a patio or outdoor space? Can they use a parking lot or create a new outdoor space beginning on June 1?

Establishments will need to work directly with their local governments on permitting for spaces not typically designated for outdoor dining. [Note: Lakeville's Policy for Temporary Outdoor Customer Service Areas addresses this.]

Can restaurants combine seating areas, or close down a street to make a communal dining area?

Spaces should be clearly defined and marked for each restaurant and contiguous to the establishment.

Does a restaurant that has been operating as takeout-only need to develop a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan if they choose not to offer onsite outdoor dining?

Businesses that were included on the Critical Sector list are required to comply with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) COVID-19 guidelines and OSHA standards, but they are not at this time required to have a written COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.

Why can't restaurants open for indoor dining, but other places such as retail and salons can be open for indoor services and sales?

People eating and drinking indoors for extended periods of time in confined air spaces put customers and workers at an increased risk. Other retail environments, such as hair salons or tattoo parlors, with strict occupancy capacities and social distancing protocols, can effectively minimize the number of people who might come into contact with others for extended periods of time.

When will restaurants be able to reopen for indoor dining?

Phase 3 of Minnesota's Stay Safe Plan will include some capacity for indoor dining. A date has not yet been set for when Phase 3 will begin.

Chamber Webinars Available to Area Businesses

The Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce continues to host webinars related to best practices and doing business during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This week's topic was [Limiting Your Exposure to COVID-19 Business Liability](#) and last week discussed [Health & Safety in the Workplace](#). You can register for Staffing Trends & New Norms for Safe Hiring, as well as view previous recordings on the [Lakeville Area Chamber of Commerce's COVID-19 resource page](#).



Recycling Resources for Dakota County Businesses

Dakota County has resources available to help businesses be successful with recycling improvements related to revisions made to Ordinance No. 110 (Solid Waste Management) requirements, including:

- Up to \$10,000 in [funding for recycling and food waste collection improvements](#) (no match required)
- Free recycling, organics and trash [container labels](#)
- Free on-site consulting and employee training assistance (non-regulatory)



Many businesses already recycle, but they may also need to incorporate new procedures for the County's [new requirements for businesses](#) to:

1. Recycle a designated list of materials and follow best waste management practices, and
2. Starting in 2022, certain large commercial generators will have to collect organics (food scraps) and follow best waste management practices.

To learn more, contact businessrecycling@co.dakota.mn.us or call 952-891-7042.

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