



Reopening New York City: What Food Service Establishments Need to Know About Indoor Dining

Restaurants and other food service establishments can reopen for indoor dining in New York City beginning September 30, 2020. Learn about [new requirements](#) designed to reduce the risk of COVID-19 when dining indoors and visit at nyc.gov/health/restart for FAQs, tools, signs and other resources to help you reopen for indoor service.

Check nyc.gov/health/coronavirus for updates. City and [State requirements](#) may change as we learn more about COVID-19 and the best ways to reduce transmission and keep New Yorkers safe.

Remember the four key actions to prevent COVID-19 transmission:

- **Stay home if sick:** Stay home if you are sick unless you are leaving for essential medical care (including COVID-19 testing) or other essential errands.
- **Physical distancing:** Stay at least 6 feet away from others.
- **Wear a face covering:** Protect those around you. You can be contagious without symptoms and spread the disease when you cough, sneeze or talk. Face coverings help reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- **Practice healthy hand hygiene:** Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available; clean frequently touched surfaces regularly; avoid touching your face with unwashed hands; and cover your cough or sneeze with your arm, not your hands.

What do I have to do to legally reopen my business?

Required steps before you reopen

- Develop a [Safety Plan](#) and post it at your work site.
- Read the [New York State \(NYS\) guidelines](#) for indoor dining in NYC and affirm compliance. The State requires that you affirm that you have reviewed and understand the State-issued industry guidelines and that you will implement them. You can fill out the affirmation form at forms.ny.gov/s3/ny-forward-affirmation.

The NYC Health Department may change recommendations as the situation evolves.

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