

MINIMUM STANDARD HEALTH PROTOCOLS



CHECKLIST FOR RESTAURANT CUSTOMERS

All individuals must wear a face covering (over the nose and mouth) wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another individual not in the same household, except when seated at the restaurant to eat or drink.

The following are the minimum recommended health protocols for all restaurant customers in Texas. These minimum health protocols are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these protocols, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization.

Health protocols for restaurant customers:

- In a restaurant, minimizing in-person contact is difficult, and wearing face coverings or masks is not feasible while at a table. For this reason, tables at restaurants should not exceed 10 individuals including members of the same household or those that traveled together to the restaurant.
 - When individuals go to a restaurant, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize in-person contact with others not in the individual's household. Minimizing in-person contact includes maintaining 6 feet of separation from individuals. When maintaining 6 feet of separation is not feasible, other methods should be utilized to slow the spread of COVID-19, such as washing or sanitizing hand frequently, and avoiding sharing utensils or other common objects.
- Self-screen before going into a restaurant for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:

<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Repeated shaking with chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a restaurant and after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the restaurant.
- Customers should wash or sanitize their hands after the payment process.

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- Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, maintain at least 6 feet of distance from individuals aged 65 and older. Individuals aged 65 and older should stay at home as much as possible.
- Carry hand sanitizer, and use it regularly while at the restaurant, especially after contact with individuals outside the household.