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SUBJECT: Enforcement Guidance re: "In-restaurant seated dining"

On March 19, 2020, the Governor Issued Executive Order N-25-20, requiring all residents to heed the guidance of state health officials, which in turn provided that "restaurants should be closed for in-restaurant seated dining, and should be open only to drive-through or other pick-up/delivery options." This document is intended to provide guidance to restaurants and enforcement officials as to the meaning of "in-restaurant dining."

It is the interpretation of the Health Officer that where restaurants provide outdoor seating for their establishments, consistent with the following conditions, such outdoor seating shall not be considered "in-restaurant dining;"

- Social distancing must be maintained and tables must be separated by at least 8ft in all directions.
- Orders shall be placed from outside the establishment/by phone or other means, hand sanitizer should be available when exchanging money.
- Customers shall not wait inside the establishment to pick-up orders, or use restrooms or other facilities.
- Food and drink ordered is only ordered "to-go" and may only be eaten at out-door tables situated as specified above.
- Additional food and drink is ordered and picked up in the same manner.
- No table service is allowed.
- All plates, cups and utensils provided by the restaurant must be disposable.
- All customers must bus their own table (i.e. throw away their own dishes and trash).
- All staff must wear appropriate PPE while cleaning the outdoor area.
- Restaurants must have adequate trash containers accessible.
- Maximum of 6 adults per table - families with small children may increase this number to space limit.
- The outside seating area must be open on at least two sides to allow maximum ventilation.
- Restaurant staff must clean and disinfect tables after each use; garbage receptacles and other frequently touched surfaces must be cleaned at least twice daily, all surfaces

must be cleaned using EPA-approved disinfectant products, following the manufacturer's directions.

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

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