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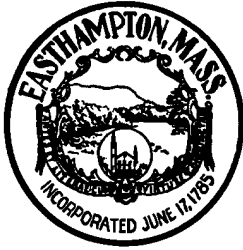
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COVID19 (CORONAVIRUS) Recommendations for Restaurant Readiness

Dear Restaurant Owners & Operators,

On March 11th COVID19 (Coronavirus) was declared a global pandemic. In trying to minimize community transmission, the Easthampton Health Department is making the following recommendations and is asking our food service establishments to consider adopting them into your standards of practice. Please note as the situation evolves, recommendations may change. Visit <https://easthamptonma.gov/health-department.html> for updates or for business specific questions, please contact Health Agent, Bri Eichstaedt, at 413-529-1400 ext. 430 or beichstaedt@easthamptonma.gov. However, at this time, responses will be extremely delayed due to the current response to COVID19.

1. Rearrange your dining/ eating area to provide social distancing between guests. It is recommended a minimum distance of at least 6 feet between parties is maintained.
2. Free your establishment of unnecessary items that may be difficult to sanitize, including but not limited to: table décor, toys, books/magazines, and candy machines.
3. Do not pre-set tables, including seasonings/condiment dispensers. Provide upon customer request & sanitize in between use.
4. Sanitize menus between customer use or go to disposable paper menus.
5. Increase the amount of handwashing by 50% of what you normally do.
6. Have all staff wash hands upon entry of the establishment.
7. Post a sign asking customers to wash hands when entering the establishment.
8. Be mindful of people congregating in lines and unnecessary high traffic within areas, for example take out lines.
9. Remove all communal utensils, keep them behind the counter; consider purchasing prewrapped plastic wear.



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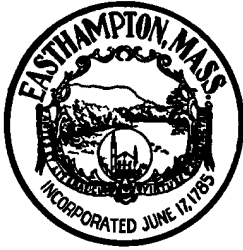
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10. Do not allow customers to use re-usable containers
11. Omit ALL self-service areas.
12. Ensure that you are using a sanitizing compound that is listed on EPA's registry, and that you are **using the manufacturer's recommendations for contact/dwell time**; follow these accurately. Below is a link to the list which is not to be considered exhaustive:
<https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>
13. Increase the frequency of sanitizing, and pay close attention to high touch areas for example; POS machines, pens, guest dining areas, door knobs, handrails, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
14. If possible, switch your ware-wash machine from high temperature to chemical injection, as there is no evidence that suggests high temperature machines are effective for killing the COVID-19 virus.
15. Avoid touching eyes, mouth, and nose with unwashed hands.
Fun fact: The average person touches their face approximately 23 times per hour.
16. Ask all staff members to change into work attire at the food establishment.
17. Create/post reminders to avoid touching your face and wash hands.
18. Cover your coughs and sneezes.
19. We encourage you to review and communicate Employee Health Policies.
If you have not yet adopted a Health Policy, sample policies can be found on our website:
<https://easthamptonma.gov/health-department.html>
20. Ensure that your sick leave policies are flexible and consistent with public health guidance and that employees are aware of these policies.

If an employee is positive for COVID-19, they are not allowed to return back to work until they have two negative tests. If an employee has COVID-19 symptoms (fever of 100.4F or greater and a cough or respiratory symptoms) then the employee cannot return to work until they are completely symptom free.



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If an employee has no COVID-19 symptoms and has been in direct contact with someone who has COVID-19 or has traveled to a listed travel advisory 3 country, then we encourage you to ask the employee not come to work for 14 days.

If your employee is returning from one of the listed travel advisory level 3 countries they we encourage you to ask the employee not to come to work for 14 days.

*please use the CDC website for lists of travel advisory countries

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.htm>

For more information about COVID19, please visit: www.mass.gov/19coronavirus

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and value the partnership.

Thank you,

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