



Recommendations to Reopen Texas Restaurant Dining Spaces

- Texas restaurants are struggling every day to remain in business after COVID-19 and government-mandated closures. Projections indicate nearly 700,000 jobs and \$4 billion in revenue will be lost by the end of April in Texas alone.
- Restaurants agree with policymakers and public health authorities that a phased-in approach is best. At the same time, regulatory consistency and predictability will be critical for restaurants operating across the State and consumers with whom we need to rebuild trust.
- The Texas Restaurant Association (TRA) launched the “Texas Restaurant Promise” to encourage restaurants and their customers to make critical health and safety commitments to each other. The promise was drafted with input from large chains, independent restaurants, data partners, other state associations, academics, and food safety/sanitation experts. It’s the compilation of evidence-based best practices that should be adopted consistently throughout Texas to enable restaurants to safely reopen their dining spaces.

Restaurant Commitments	Customer Commitments
<p>We will continue to be a leader in safe sanitation practices with all team members certified in safe food handling and a certified manager on every shift.</p> <p>All employees will pass a health check or complete a health survey prior to each shift.</p> <p>All indoor and outdoor seating options will comply with the appropriate social distancing guidelines.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer or hand washing stations will be available to all customers and employees.</p> <p>We will clean and sanitize common areas and surfaces regularly.</p> <p>We will clean and sanitize each dining area after every use.</p> <p>Place settings, utensils, menus, and condiments will either be single-use or will be cleaned and sanitized after every use.</p> <p>We will post the Texas Restaurant Promise at our entrances so everyone understands the steps we must all take to keep our communities safe.</p>	<p>If you have been exposed to COVID-19 recently or have symptoms of COVID-19 (including a fever, cough, or shortness of breath), please help us keep everyone safe by using our contactless delivery options.</p> <p>If you have underlying health conditions or are otherwise concerned about contracting COVID-19, please feel free to use our contactless delivery options.</p> <p>You agree to follow the social distancing and sanitary guidelines that have been put in place to protect you and our other customers and employees.</p> <p>If you have any questions about the Texas Restaurant Promise, please ask for a manager who will be happy to assist you.</p>

- With the Texas Restaurant Promise in place across the State, **restaurants can safely reopen their dining spaces to customers beginning May 1, 2020**. Employees should be allowed to return to work in dining spaces before this date to allow for proper planning and to maximize the opportunity for furloughed employees to return to work and maintain their employer-provided health insurance.
- For more information about the Texas Restaurant Promise, please contact TRA and visit www.txrestaurant.org/WelcomeBack.