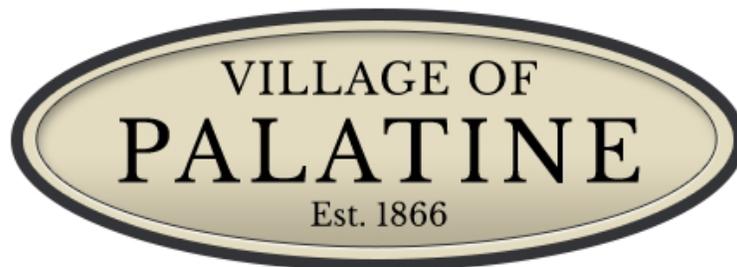




Guidelines for Temporary Outdoor Dining Areas

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INTRODUCTION:

This document has been created to provide guidance to our local bars and restaurants as it relates to temporary outdoor dining. As you are aware, Governor Pritzker has established the Restore Illinois Plan in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This document provides guidance for temporary dining for restaurants and bars. It should be noted that these outdoor seating guidelines apply to restaurants licensed by the Village of Palatine as food service establishments and bars for on-site liquor consumption. The guidance is not intended to revoke or repeal any employee rights, either statutory, regulatory, or collectively bargained, and is not exhaustive.

To assist local restaurants and bars to abide by social distancing recommendations, the Village of Palatine will temporarily allow certain establishments to offer outdoor dining/drinking areas until further notice. Offering outdoor dining is voluntary for restaurants and bars that wish to do so, but those that do provide outdoor dining shall adhere to the minimum guidelines established and referenced in this document.

DISCLAIMER:

These guidelines reflect the best available information at the time they were prepared. Future actions or executive orders may result in revisions to these guidelines, as well as other COVID-19 recovery plans, are subject to change at any time.

The Village of Palatine may adjust, suspend, or revoke an establishment's temporary outdoor seating privileges for failure to comply with the guidelines described herein.

Any business that chooses to open may risk litigation and should be aware that adherence to these guidelines will not prevent the communication of disease, including COVID-19, in every situation. These guidelines should not be interpreted as setting a standard of precaution or care, or cover all possible methods of precaution or care.

GUIDELINES:

Restaurants and bars currently licensed by the Village of Palatine that seek to temporarily add or expand outdoor dining areas shall complete the attached Temporary Outdoor Dining Registration form prior to any use of the area. Outdoor dining areas must abide by all of the following guidelines:

General:

- Establishments shall comply with protocols and/or guidelines issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Centers for Disease Control, the Food and Drug Administrations' Food Code, or any other applicable authority.
- Outdoor dining table spacing and seating capacity shall comply with whatever Restore Illinois Plan guidelines or regulations are in place at the time.
- All food and alcohol service must be made to seated customers.
- Outdoor dining areas may open no earlier than 7 AM and shall close no later than 11 PM Sunday - Thursday and 1 AM on Friday and Saturday nights.
- Outdoor areas shall be open, but may utilize awnings, tents, or other coverings that meet Village requirements. Any tent, awning, or other covering shall obtain any Village required permit prior to installation.
- Acoustic or prerecorded music is permitted, but should be ambient in nature. Any music shall be discontinued no later than 9 PM on Sunday – Thursday and 11 PM on Friday and Saturday.
- Outdoor bar and food preparation areas are prohibited.
- Outdoor trash receptacles shall be provided and maintained as needed.
- Smoking is prohibited.
- Pets are not allowed within any outdoor dining area.

Outdoor Seating Area Criteria:

- Any amount of existing parking spaces may be utilized for outdoor dining; however, a sufficient supply of off-street parking for customers must continue to be provided.
- If the expanded outdoor dining area is in a parking lot, a temporary physical barrier shall separate the outdoor dining area from the rest of the parking lot.

- Establishments that do not own their parking lot or other outdoor area shall secure correspondence from the property owner/manager granting permission to use the area for outdoor dining and provide proof of insurance for the proposed dining area.
- Establishments within strip malls, plazas, shopping centers, or other multi-tenant spaces shall secure correspondence from the property owner/manager granting permission to use the common parking, pedestrian, or green-space areas for outdoor dining prior to expanding into the area.
- Private sidewalks/walkways may be utilized for outdoor seating provided there is still means for pedestrian traffic on the remaining portion of the sidewalk, and tables are spaced a minimum of 6 feet from the establishment's entrance.
- Driveways, drive aisles, drive-through lanes, alleys, service/fire lanes, and other means of traffic circulation must not be impeded or blocked.
- Temporary barriers to safely delineate the outdoor dining area do not require a permit so long as the temporary barriers do not pose a safety hazard to occupants. No permanent barriers may be installed without issuance of a building permit.
- Outdoor seating areas should, where possible, have a fixed entrance and exit that are separate from each other (i.e. enter at one location, exit at a separate location).
- Hand sanitation and/or washing stations shall be provided at the fixed areas.

Other:

- Permanent plumbing, electrical, and/or lighting fixtures shall not be installed.
- Any temporary lighting shall be shielded and directed in a manner to ensure they do not impair visibility on nearby streets or shine into nearby properties.
- The temporary outdoor dining area shall be allowed to remain in place and operational until further notice from the Village.