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RESTAURANTS – OWNERS AND CONSUMERS

For restaurants- as we move forward with restaurants potentially reopening, we want to send out a reminder. If you closed your restaurant and did not pay your annual renewal, you will need to be inspected before reopening. We know that most are still open and serving in some capacity and have paid their fees, please know that is appreciated.

For consumers-When, you are placing an order or picking up a to-go food order, ensure that you remain 6 feet apart while waiting in line. Please do not congregate in restaurant lobbies. Once you receive your food order, you are required to leave the premises and cannot consume it anywhere on the foodservice property, inside or out. Know that before COVID-19, restaurant staff have always been required to be trained in proper handwashing procedures and to stay home when ill. Once restaurants are allowed to reopen, there will be additional requirements for them and you to follow. We trust that they will follow those and will ensure your safety during this time of transition.

To address some frequently asked questions, food handlers are required to wear gloves when handling ready-to-eat food items, but employees handling wrapped or packaged foods and money do not have to wear gloves. Food handlers are not required by state code to wear masks. This is a CDC recommendation, not a requirement; however, facility operators may choose to put their additional protection requirements in place.

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