

Healthy at Work



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Supplemental Requirements for Restaurants and Bars

These supplemental requirements apply to restaurants and bars. All Entities must also comply with current [Healthy at Work Minimum Requirements](#) and all Supplemental Requirements applicable to their setting and/or activities.

For purposes of these requirements:

- • A “restaurant” is an entity that stores, prepares, serves, vends, or otherwise provides food directly to the consumer for human consumption, must hold a food service permit in good standing, and has table seating.
 - • A “bar” is an entity that stores, prepares, serves, vends alcohol directly to the consumer for on-site human consumption and must hold a service permit in good standing.¹
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- Restaurants and bars must require that all customers be seated and served at tables or booths.
 - Traditional stool seating at the bar is prohibited.
 - Restaurants and bars must prohibit customer traffic in the bar or restaurant except for the purposes of entry, exit, and restroom usage.
 - Restaurants and bars should discontinue self-service drink stations to the greatest extent practicable. If an establishment cannot discontinue self-service drink stations, it must: a) frequently clean and sanitize the stations, b) prohibit customers from bringing their own cup, glass, or mug, c) prohibit refills unless a new cup, glass, or mug is provided to the customer for each refill, and d) remove any unwrapped or non-disposable items (e.g., straws or utensils), as well as fruit (e.g., lemons), sweeteners, creamers, and any condiment containers that are not in single-use, disposable packages.
 - Restaurants and bars should discontinue use of salad bars and other buffet style dining to the greatest extent practicable. If an establishment cannot discontinue buffet style dining, the restaurant must ensure that employees provide buffet service. Restaurants must not permit customer self-service. Restaurants providing buffet service should ensure appropriate sneeze guards are in-place.

¹ 1 These definitions and requirements also apply to any portion of a facility that serves food or alcohol to the public, including, but not limited to, breweries, distilleries, and wineries.

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- Restaurants and bars must limit the number of customers present inside any given establishment to the lesser of the maximum permitted occupancy defined in the current Healthy at Work Minimum Requirements or the occupancy level that permits individuals not from the same family/household to maintain six (6) feet of space between each other.
- For booth seating only, restaurants may install non-porous physical barriers (e.g., plexiglass shields) between booths to permit usage of sequential booths unable to be separated by six (6) feet so long as the barrier effectively separates the opposite sides of the barrier.
- Establishments that choose to have outdoor seating may do so without those customers counting against the established occupancy limit so long as those customers remain seated and at least six (6) feet of space is maintained between customers at different tables. If an establishment uses a tent, at least 50% of the tent perimeter (e.g., 2 sides of a square tent) must remain completely open at all times and six (6) feet of space must be maintained between customers at different tables. If an establishment uses a tent with fewer than 50% of the perimeter (e.g., for a square tent, fewer than 2 sides) completely open, that tent is considered interior space and is subject to the capacity limitation as set forth in the minimum requirements document.
- Restaurants and bars should continue to encourage food and beverage service via drive-thru, curbside, takeout, and delivery services to the greatest extent practicable, to minimize the number of persons within the establishment and the contacts between them.
- Restaurants and bars must discontinue dine-in food and drink by 12:00 a.m. local prevailing time. Restaurants and bars must close no later than 1:00 a.m. local prevailing time except for drive-thru, curbside, takeout, and delivery services. These closing times will remain in effect until 2.5 million persons have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in Kentucky.