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THE LICENSING BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON'S ADVISORY REGARDING ALLOWANCE OF OUTDOOR DINING

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On June 6, 2020, Governor Charles Baker issued an executive order and accompanying guidance (the "Commonwealth's Guidance") regarding the restaurants to commence outdoor table service of both food and alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption beginning June 8, 2020 as part of Phase 2, Step 1 of the Commonwealth's reopening plan. The Licensing Board for the City of Boston (the "Board") issues this advisory (the "Advisory") applicable to establishments holding a valid common victualler or common victualler with alcoholic beverages license (the "Licensee" or "Licensees") to assist in the reopening process.

1. Licensees must abide by all terms of both the [Massachusetts Restaurants COVID-19 Checklist](#) and the [Massachusetts Restaurants Safety Standards](#) issued by the Commonwealth. These documents provide mandatory standards critical to a safe reopening including social distancing, staffing, operations, cleaning, disinfecting, hygiene protocols, and other safety standards.
2. Licensees must complete the [self certification process](#) mandated by the state prior to commencing outdoor table service. The required COVID-19 poster must be signed and conspicuously posted in an area visible to both patrons and employees.
3. Licensees in compliance with the Commonwealth's Guidance and the Advisory may commence outdoor table service only beginning June 8, 2020 in accordance with the State's Guidance and this Advisory, both of which may be amended from time to time.
4. Indoor consumption of food and alcoholic beverages remains prohibited until further notice by the Commonwealth.
5. Upon commencing outdoor table service, Licensees must ensure that there is a minimum of six (6) feet of separation between tables and high foot traffic areas at all times and that each party consists of no more than six (6) individuals.
6. Neither standing nor sitting at the bar area is permitted.
7. All patrons must be seated at tables.
8. Licensees that have requested a [temporary extension of licensed premise on outdoor space](#) may not utilize said space unless and until they have received written approval from the Board.

9. Licensees must abide by any and all rules, regulations, advisories, orders, guidance, or laws promulgated or adopted by City, state, or federal government as the same may be amended from time to time including but not limited to the General Rules of the Board, the Commonwealth's Guidance, and the Center for Disease Control's standards regarding social distancing.

The Advisory is issued in response to the ongoing public health crisis related to the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and will be strictly enforced by the Board, ISD, and the Boston Police Department. Failure to adhere to any of the foregoing will result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, the suspension of any license issued by the Board or permit issued by ISD.

Claims of ignorance of the law, the Commonwealth's Guidance, or the Advisory are not a defense.

Please refer to [boston.gov/coronavirus](https://www.boston.gov/coronavirus) for more information on COVID-19. Any questions should be directed to the Board's Executive Secretary, Lesley Delaney Hawkins, Esq., who can be reached at (617) 635-4170 or Lesley.hawkins@boston.gov.

For the Board,

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