

COVID-19

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Guidance and resources for retail food establishments

There is an expanding global outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus, named COVID-19. Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) is aggressively managing this outbreak in collaboration with other national, state and local partners. Our number one priority is protecting the health and safety of our community.

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Jefferson County Public Health issued a **public health order on March 18 to close all dine-in service at bars and restaurants**, in accordance with [an order](#) issued prior by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. These public health orders include breweries, wineries, public bars, restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, gyms, theaters, casinos, movie theaters, concert halls and other similar places of public accommodation offering food or beverage for on-premises consumption. Establishments **may continue to offer food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service or drive-up service**, and must use precautions in doing so to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing.

For more information, please view the following guidance documents:

- **CDPHE:** [Public Health Order Closing Bars and Restaurants](#)
- **CDPHE:** [Retail Food Establishment Implementation of Public Health Order](#)
- **CDPHE:** [Environmental Cleaning Guidance for COVID-19](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Poster: Stop the Spread of Germs (available in **English** and **Spanish**)

[Fact Sheet for Higher Risk Populations](#)

[Jefferson County Public Health](#)

[Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

IMPORTANT ACTION ITEMS

- Continue to implement the everyday elements of the food code that help prevent illness.
- Stay in close communication with staff about their health status. Immediately exclude any staff indicating symptoms or who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 (or who have been in contact with someone diagnosed COVID-19). Contact JCPH right away.
- Frequently and thoroughly clean and disinfect all high-touch objects.
- Deep clean and disinfect the entire facility at least 2 times per week.

For more information:
www.jeffco.us/coronavirus