

# WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT OPEN AIR AND OUTDOOR DINING DURING COVID-19



Dining outdoors is generally less risky than indoors because better air flow prevents the virus from building up in enclosed places, especially where customers must remove their masks to eat or drink. Open air seating is an alternative to sitting indoors and needs to include a structure with one or more permeable walls that allow outside air to flow through it.

*Examples of permeable walls: Open bay doors, multiple open windows, screened openings, open tent panels, ventilation holes in side panels, and uncovered lattice. Single windows and doors do not count as permeable walls.*

**In order to provide safer dining, here are four open air alternatives to indoor seating and their requirements:**

## OPTION 1



- Structure has one, two, or three permeable walls next to each other with multiple open windows or bay doors.
- Tables are limited to six people. Table seating is placed at least six feet away from nearby seating.
- CO2 monitor must be placed farthest away from outdoor air entry (CO2 levels must be continuously monitored and stay below 450 ppm).\*

## OPTION 2



- Structure has two non-permeable walls not next to each other with no walls blocking air flow.
- Tables are limited to six people. Table seating is placed at least six feet away from nearby seating.
- CO2 monitor is not needed except in areas not within direct path of air flow.\*

## OPTION 3



- Seating area is on sidewalks, covered patios, courtyards, or similar outdoor areas.
- Seating area can have overhead cover, one wall, and no other wall blocking air flow.
- Tables are limited to six people. Table seating is placed at least six feet away from nearby seating.
- No CO2 monitoring is required.

## OPTION 4



- Small, enclosed structures such as pods, domes, igloos or yurts.
- Each structure is limited to one table, with six or fewer people.
- Structure must be cleaned, disinfected, and completely aired out for 10 minutes after each dining party.
- No CO2 monitoring is required.

## NOT ALLOWED

Enclosed structures with four non-permeable (or solid) walls and an open door are not allowed.



**\*CO2 monitoring required for Phase 1, but not required for Phase 2.**

## DO YOUR PART TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



Wear a mask when around others.



Keep at least six feet from people you don't live with.



Wash your hands frequently.



Avoid crowded, enclosed spaces.

**IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL, PLEASE STAY HOME!**