



Town of Clinton Police/OEM

State Executive Order 150 takes effect 6/15/20 6am.

Outdoor Dining Advisement 2020-20 6/4/20

1. Effective at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020, restaurants, cafeterias, dining establishments, and food courts, with or without a liquor license, bars, and all other holders of a liquor license with retail consumption privileges, collectively referred to as “food or beverage establishments,” are permitted to offer in-person service at outdoor areas, provided that the establishment complies with the following requirements:
 - a. Ensure all areas designated for food and/or beverage consumption are in conformance with applicable local, State, and Federal regulations;
 - b. Limit capacity to a number that ensures all patrons can remain six feet apart from all other patrons at all times, except for those patrons with whom they are sharing a table;
 - c. Satisfy all standards issued by DOH pursuant to Paragraph 3 of this Order;
 - d. Ensure that tables seating individual groups are six feet apart in all directions and that individual seats in any shared area that is not reserved for individual groups, such as an outdoor bar area, are also six feet apart in all directions;
 - e. Prohibit patrons from entering the indoor premises of the food or beverage establishment, except to walk through such premises when entering or exiting the food or beverage establishment in order to access the outdoor area, or to use the restroom;
 - f. Require patrons to wear a face covering while inside the indoor premises of the food or beverage establishment, unless the patron has a medical reason for not doing so or is a child under two years of age; and

g. Prohibit smoking in any outdoor areas designated for the consumption of food and/or beverages. The requirement that food or beverage establishments impose this prohibition shall automatically sunset once food or beverage establishments are permitted to offer in-person service in indoor areas.

2. Nothing in this Order shall prevent a food or beverage establishment that offers take-out options from allowing an individual who is seeking take-out rather than table service to enter the indoor premises of the establishment to place an order, make payment, and pick up food or beverages, including in situations where a food or beverage establishment makes outdoor areas without table service available. As noted in Paragraph 1(f), such individuals shall wear a face covering while inside the indoor premises of the food or beverage establishment, unless the individual has a medical reason for not doing so or is a child under two years of age.

3. The Commissioner of the DOH is directed, consistent with her authority under the Emergency Health Powers Act, to issue health and safety standards for use by food or beverage establishments in order to serve patrons consistent with this Order.

4. Picnic Areas and Pavilions may be open to the public. Picnic Areas and Pavilions shall be open to the public at all State Parks and Forests.

5. Municipalities are permitted to use their existing authority to allow food or beverage establishments to expand their footprint to outdoor areas, both within their property and among municipally-governed areas, including but not limited to sidewalks, streets, or parks. Any additional density and social distancing requirements imposed by municipalities on food or beverage establishments offering in-person service at outdoor areas are not inconsistent with Executive Order No. 108 (2020). If a municipality seeks to close off a roadway for which it would need county or State approval, it still must obtain that approval.

6. Municipalities that make outdoor shared spaces such as sidewalks, streets, or parks, available for use by food or beverage establishments should equitably divide these spaces among food or beverage establishments that can feasibly use it.

7. Paragraph 8 of Executive Order No. 107 (2020), Paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 133 (2020), Paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 143 (2020), Paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 147 (2020), and Paragraph 10 of Executive Order No. 148 (2020) are superseded to the extent inconsistent with this Order.

NJ Dept of Health Order 2020-014 Pursuant to SEO 150

1. Food or beverage establishments offering service at outdoor areas pursuant to Executive Order No. 150 (2020) must adhere to the protocols listed below:

- a. Obtain all required municipal approvals and permits before offering food and/or beverage consumption at outdoor areas;
- b. Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 should enter the food or beverage establishment;
- c. Limit seating to a maximum of eight (8) customers per table and arrange seating to achieve a minimum distance of six feet (6 ft) between parties;
- d. Rope off or otherwise mark tables, chairs and bar stools that are not to be used;
- e. Demarcate 6 feet of spacing in patron waiting areas;
- f. Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors, sidewalks, and signage on walls to ensure that customers remain at least 6 ft apart in line for the restroom or waiting for seating;
- g. Eliminate self-service food or drink options such as buffets, salad bars, and self-service drink stations;
- h. Disinfect all tables, chairs and any other shared items (menus, condiments, pens) after each use;
- i. Install physical barriers and partitions at cash registers, bars, host stands and other area where maintaining physical distance of 6 ft is difficult;
- J. Ensure 6 ft of physical distancing between workers and customers, except at the moment of payment and/or when employees are servicing the table;
- k. Require infection control practices, such as regular handwashing, coughing and sneezing etiquette, and proper tissue usage and disposal;
- l. Require frequent sanitization of high-touch areas like credit card machines, keypads, and counters to which the public and workers have access;
- m. Place conspicuous signage at entrance alerting staff and customers to the required 6 ft of physical distance; and
- n. Require all food or beverage establishments to have an inclement weather policy that, if triggered, would require the food or beverage establishment to adhere to Executive Order No. 125 (2020) and offer takeout or delivery service only.

2. Food or beverage establishments offering service at outdoor areas pursuant to Executive Order No. 150 (2020) must impose the following requirements on employees:

- a. Require employees to wash and/or sanitize their hands when entering the food or beverage establishment;
- b. Conduct daily health checks (e.g. temperature screening and/or symptom checking) of employees safely and respectfully, and in accordance with any applicable privacy laws and regulations;
- c. Require employees with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, or shortness of breath) be sent home;
- d. Require all employees to wear face coverings, except where doing so would inhibit the individual's health, and require employees to wear gloves when in contact with customers and when handing prepared foods or serving food, utensils, and other items to customers;
- e. Provide all employees with face coverings and gloves;
- f. Provide employees break time for repeated handwashing throughout the workday; and
- g. Provide sanitization materials, such as hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes

to staff.

3. Food or beverage establishments offering service at outside areas pursuant to Executive Order No. 150 (2020) must institute the following policies with respect to customers:

- a. Inform customers that safety measures such as social distancing, wearing face coverings when they are away from their table and unable to social distance or when they are inside the indoor portion of the premises of the food or beverage establishment (unless the customer has a medical reason for not doing so or is a child under two years of age), and hygiene practices must be adhered to while in the food or beverage establishment;
- b. Encourage reservations for greater control of customer traffic/volume;
- c. Require customers to provide a phone number if making a reservation to facilitate contact tracing;
- d. Recommend customers wait in their cars or away from the food or beverage establishment while waiting for a table if outdoor wait area cannot accommodate social distancing;
- e. Alert customers via calls/texts to limit touching and use of shared objects such as pagers/buzzers;
- f. Encourage the use of digital menus;
- g. Decline entry to the indoor portion of the establishment to a customer who is not wearing a face covering, unless the customer has a medical reason for not doing so or is a child under two years of age; and
- h. Provide a hand sanitizer station for customers.

This advisement is has been reduced to elements affecting Clinton residents and business. Please refer to <https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-150.pdf> for full details of SEO 150.