

Rules for Outdoor Dining Areas

Duration is through Phase III of Restore IL Plan

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Please be aware that the rules established by the Village are subject to change based on updated information from the Illinois Department of Public Health or DuPage County Health Department.

- Tables must be placed a minimum of six feet from each other
- No more than 6 persons may be seated at a single table
- Total outdoor dining seating capacity may not exceed current interior seating capacity (max occupancy limit)
- Outdoor dining areas may be located on patios and in limited areas in parking lots.
- Sidewalks and service walks must be a minimum of six feet wide
- Dining areas located in parking lots:
 - May not be placed in handicap parking spaces
 - May not block pass-through drive aisles
 - May not be located within designated fire lanes
 - Must maintain 50% of the existing parking spaces
 - Must maintain all access points to adjacent roads
 - Must be separated from adjacent parking spaces and drive aisles with barricades with a minimum height of 18 inches such as traffic safety cones, fencing or stanchions
- For restaurants located in shopping centers or strip centers with parking lots of 160 parking spaces or less, the number of parking spaces available for each restaurant's outdoor dining area shall be:
 - 0 - 10 ft of Tenant frontage = 1 parking space
 - 11 - 20 ft of tenant frontage = 2 parking spaces maximum
 - 21 - 30 ft of tenant frontage = 3 parking spaces maximum
 - 31 - 40 ft of tenant frontage = 4 parking space maximum
 - 41 - 100 ft of tenant frontage = 5 parking space maximum
 - 100 ft + of tenant frontage = 6 parking space maximum
- Existing outdoor dining areas must follow the Restore Illinois Plan and all applicable State and County regulations. Here are the [Restore Illinois Phase 3 Restaurants & Bars For Outdoor Dining Guidelines](#)
- Regular cleaning, including the removal of trash, and disinfection of outdoor seating areas
- Restaurants must currently have public restroom availability and must make them available for use by outdoor dining patrons
- Social distancing requirements apply in waiting areas
- Temporary signage up to 36 sf in area is permitted to identify outdoor dining areas

- Property owner approval is required
- Hours of operation are limited to 6am to 11pm daily
- Outdoor amplification of sound is not allowed
- Trash receptacles shall be provided if area is self-service
- Tents and canopies may be permitted under a separate permit process.
- The Village of Downers Grove assumes no responsibility for any injury or damage to persons or property arising out of or related to the use of property or issuance of a permit.
- The Village Manager may, in his sole discretion, order changes to the outdoor dining operation, including but not limited to the immediate cessation of the use, and removal of any or all equipment and facilities in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the community.