

Village of Villa Park

20 S. Ardmore Avenue, Villa Park, Illinois 60181



Temporary Outdoor Dining & Alcoholic Liquor Guide

As part of Governor JB Pritzker's plan to Restore Illinois, restaurants and bars in Illinois were allowed to reopen with outdoor seating May 29, 2020. The Village of Villa Park believes it to be in the best interests of restaurants and bars to allow for outdoor service and has prepared this guide in order to open without jeopardizing the health and safety of the public and their employees.

Effective Date: April 23, 2021

Application Process: All temporary outdoor seating areas must be inspected. Any food service establishment that intends to provide outdoor seating areas shall submit (or re-submit) the following items for review and approval:

- 1) Narrative of proposed outdoor seating operation
- 2) Plat of Survey or Site Plan of proposed outdoor space, including equipment

Visit the webpage [here](#) to submit. The Village shall review complete applications to ensure all regulations have been met prior to being approved for opening.

Hours of Operation:

- Monday – Sunday
 - Normal Opening Business Hour – 11 PM (through December 31, 2021)

Outdoor Area Requirements

- a) All tables including room for patrons to sit must be six feet (6') apart and standing areas at no more than 25 percent capacity indoors and located on private property. Operations within the public right-of-way are not permitted.
- b) Seated parties shall be ten (10) or fewer people; face coverings and social distancing shall continue. All customers shall wear masks until seated.
- c) Entrance/exit doors and fire lanes shall not be blocked.
- d) Areas shall be maintained, including free of rubbish and/or trash.
- e) Business operation shall not disturb the lawful use and enjoyment of nearby properties.
- f) The licensee must provide measures not to interfere with the operations of adjacent business and provide for the safety of its customers.
- g) Allow for adequate and safe pedestrian and parking accessibility.
- h) Adequate safeguards, including barriers such as orange snow fencing, around the outdoor seating area shall be provided for security, crowd control, lighting control and for the protection of minors.
- i) A separate queue area for restroom visits and pick-up shall be provided as needed.
- j) The area where service shall be provided shall be owned, leased, or licensed to the licensee.
- k) The restaurant and or bar owner must procure general liability insurance for any food service provided outdoors, and the holder of a liquor license must have procured general liability insurance and liquor liability insurance to provide service in an outdoor venue; if any outdoor area which is owned by the Village is used for outdoor food service or by the holder of liquor licenses, such insurance must name the Village as additionally insured.

Establishment Responsibilities

1. Adhere to all social distancing requirements set forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health.
2. Food transported from the restaurant or bar to the outdoor seating areas shall meet all Food Safety requirements.
3. Abide by all applicable Health Codes and COVID-19 restrictions.
4. Provide employees with all appropriate personal protective equipment to be worn at all times.
5. Regularly clean and sanitize outdoor seating areas and all frequently touched surfaces.
6. No outdoor food or drink preparation is permitted.
7. No outdoor activities, including live entertainment, bands, or smoking is permitted.
8. Provide access to indoor restrooms with access to handwashing stations, following social distancing guidelines.

The guidance is not intended to revoke or repeal any employee rights, either statutory, regulatory or collectively bargained, and is not exhaustive, as it does not include county health orders.

All other Village codes and liquor license restrictions shall remain in full effect. The Village maintains the right to require modifications or removal of the outdoor seating area in the event that issues arise.

The Village will continue to monitor the Illinois Department of Public Health's guidelines for reopening bars and restaurants and may amend these requirements based on their recommendations.

Businesses must adhere to the guidelines of [Illinois Department of Public Health](#) and the [Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity](#)