COVID-19 Guidance
Reopening Phase I Requirements for Food Establishments

Food Establishments:
3. Must ensure that all guests have seats, be seated, and remain seated unless going to the restroom. Guests should not leave the table to retrieve food or drink.
4. Must ensure diners have a reservation in order to sit down in a facility. Signage must be posted to remind people not to enter restaurant without a reservation.
5. Food establishments that do not provide table service must ensure counter service locations are spaced 6 feet apart. Signage and floor markings must be present to guide patrons in appropriately spacing while in line. Staff must be designated to monitor patrons entering facility, monitor lines and ensure social distancing throughout facility.
6. Must ensure the total number of guests within a facility never exceeds 30% of the Delaware Fire Code Occupancy. Guidance for this is provided by the local Fire Marshal’s office. The State Fire Marshal and county contacts can be found here: https://statefiremarshal.delaware.gov/division-contact-information/administration-contact-information/.
7. Must ensure that guests are provided with disposable menus and that there are no condiments on the table, with only single use condiments provided.
8. Must ensure that cups, lids, napkins, and straws must be delivered to the table after the party has been seated.
9. In accordance with the Food Code, must ensure no barehand contact by food workers with ready-to-eat foods.
10. Must ensure that self-service food and buffet options do not reopen. If any self-service areas are converted to employee dispensing areas, an easily accessible hand sink must be available.
11. Must ensure that bar service and seating at a bar do not reopen.
12. Must adhere to all Food Code regulations, including ensuring that to-go containers for food guests to bring home after dining are protected from possible contamination.
13. Every restaurant is expected to have its own reopening plan and must follow DPH guidance, available here: https://go.restaurant.org/covid19-reopening-guide and here: https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/resources-for-businesses/, including employee health screening and return to work criteria.
14. Customers should be guided to seats by staff or clear signage to control traffic in, out, and through restaurant to ensure that safe social distancing is maintained as much as possible.
15. Must ensure that there are no common areas, pool tables, smoking areas, dance floors, etc. available for guests to congregate in.

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