

As baseball returns to Chicago, the City is urging all Chicagoans to celebrate responsibly. While limited indoor dining is allowed and small events are permitted with the proper licenses, businesses are reminded that COVID-19 regulations will be strictly enforced on opening day and during all games.



ADHERE TO CAPACITY LIMITS

- Indoor service for bars, restaurants and events is strictly limited to the lesser of 50% capacity or 50 people per space.
- While there is not maximum cap for outdoor service, patrons must be seated at tables of ten or fewer, with tables spaced so that patrons are six feet away from patrons at other tables.
- Establishments that do not serve food must ensure that food is available for patrons at all times.
- Make sure measures are in place to control your occupancy count- we encourage you to use a reservation system and/or clicker at the door to control your crowd size.
- Lines outside your establishment are strongly discouraged. However, if you do have a line outside, you are responsible for the activity of the individuals waiting in line. Anyone in line must maintain proper social distancing of at least 6 feet and must wear a mask.



EVERYONE MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING

- Everyone in your premises must wear a mask at all times. The only exception to this rule is if the patron is seated and actively eating or drinking. Masks must be on whenever patrons interact with staff, and they must cover the nose and mouth.



CUSTOMERS MUST REMAIN SEATED

- Your patrons must remain seated while eating and drinking at your establishment Tables must be spaced so that patrons are six feet away from patrons at other tables.
- Maximum party size and table occupancy limits remain at six people indoors and 10 people outdoors.
- Seating at bars/counters is allowed with six feet between parties and party size of four or fewer.
- In order to minimize congregating, patrons must order drinks from their seat and cannot order drinks from the bar.
- Dancing or other congregating is not allowed while COVID restrictions are in place.
- Darts, pool tables and other indoor recreation activities can be open, but patrons cannot be eating or drinking while taking part in these activities and must keep face coverings on.



REDUCED HOURS

- Reduced COVID hours remain in place. Your establishment must be closed for on-site service by 1:00 am.
- Consumption on Premises and Tavern licensees can sell incidental packaged goods and cocktails-to-go until 1:00 am. Cocktails-to-go must be in tamper evident, sealed containers with no straw or drinking holes and cannot be consumed on the public way.





OPENING DAY EVENTS

- Indoor events are allowed at the lesser of 50% capacity or 50 people. All indoor dining/drinking regulations must be followed during events, including the requirement that customers remain seated when eating or drinking at tables of six people or fewer.
- Outdoor events limited to lesser of 50% capacity or 100 people per space.
- You cannot sell tickets to an event if you do not have a PPA license.
- Charter buses can operate at the lesser of 50% capacity or 50 people. Patrons must be seated while eating or drinking at all times, including on party buses.



STOP ALCOHOL SERVICE TO INTOXICATED PERSONS

- It is illegal to sell, give or deliver alcohol to an intoxicated person and a violation of state law. Train and educate your staff to recognize when a patron is intoxicated. Once there is evidence of intoxication, staff must be confident enough to cut that patron off and stop serving that individual.



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

- It is the responsibility of all licensees to operate and maintain a safe environment for your patrons. Make sure you have sufficient staff on site to enforce all COVID protections. It is also your responsibility to be a “good neighbor” to the residents and businesses in your community. Ensure you maintain quiet, orderly, and socially distanced lines and keep the area around your premises clean.
- Liquor licensees are expected to strictly monitor the area in and around the licensed premises and are required to report all illegal activity by calling 911. You have a duty to cooperate with police.
- No alcohol is allowed outside or on the public way unless you have a valid sidewalk café permit, outdoor patio license, or Expanded Outdoor Dining permit (with corresponding special event liquor licenses).

Please note that Chicago’s COVID-19 regulations are subject to change – these regulations are effective as of March 25, 2021. The latest regulations can be found at [Chicago.gov/reopening](https://www.chicago.gov/reopening).

