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Food Safety Program Provides Updated Guidance for Food Establishments

New State Guidance Includes Changes for Private Event Spaces, Wedding Venues with Food

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department today provided updated guidance for restaurants and food facilities operating in the green phase of the governor’s “Process to Reopen Pennsylvania.” The updated guidance is in accordance with changes made by the state and posted this week.

Specifically, food establishments, including private event spaces and wedding venues with food service, are reminded that masking, occupancy and physical distancing requirements remain in effect.

The Health Department’s guidance has been updated to reflect that:

- For the purposes of calculating occupancy restrictions in the absence of fire occupancy information, the number of people allowed per 1,000 square feet has increased to 24;
- Food facilities are recommended but no longer required to close areas that are not essential to the preparation and service of food or beverages, including but not limited to dance floors, arcades, small games of chance, and child play areas; and
- All private event spaces and wedding venues with food service are required to maintain a list of all guests in attendance including location of origin for each guest.

The updated guidance is available on the Health Department’s COVID-19 [website](#) under the Information for Specific Groups tab, or on the Food Safety Program [website](#).

The updated guidance from the state is available at <https://www.governor.pa.gov/covid-19/restaurant-industry-guidance/>

A food safety specialist with the Health Department will host a virtual Q&A from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 on what the green phase means for food establishments. Registration is required for this free event and can be done here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/allegheny-county-covid-19-green-phase-guidance-for-food-facilities-q-a-tickets-109211873654>

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