

# COVID-19 Restaurant Recommendations

## LaSalle County Food Service Establishment Recommendations

While there is no scientific evidence that the COVID-19 virus can spread through food, there is evidence that the virus, as well as other viruses can linger on frequently touched surfaces. While public health guidelines frequently focus on kitchen and food preparation areas, to protect your employees and the public, we recommend that restaurants in LaSalle County take the following actions:

- Limit the reuse of self-serve refillable cups. Instead consider offering your patrons a new cup.
- Increase frequency of cleaning and sanitizing of frequently touched surfaces. This includes (but is not limited to) door handles, counter areas, condiment stations, tables, and buffets.
- Limit the use of self-serve areas. Consider use of packaged condiments.
- Frequently rotate (every 30 minutes) shared utensils and self-serve equipment such as buffet utensils, ketchup pumps, etc.
- Remind ALL employees that working while ill not only exposes other employees and customers, it is also prohibited by your employee health policy.
- Consider setting up hand sanitizer stations near buffets and self-serve areas for customer use.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. The LaSalle County Health Department will provide additional guidance and updates as they become available. The following links provide some guidance and recommendations:

<https://restaurant.org/Covid19>

[https://foodsafetyfocus.com/FoodSafetyFocus/media/Library/pdfs/Coronavirus\\_2019-nCoV\\_Info\\_TipsforRestaurants.pdf](https://foodsafetyfocus.com/FoodSafetyFocus/media/Library/pdfs/Coronavirus_2019-nCoV_Info_TipsforRestaurants.pdf)



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