

REOPENING RI

COVID-19 Inspection Checklist - Restaurant and Bars

- Table Spacing** – unless separated by a physical, non-porous barrier of an appropriate height, restaurants must ensure tables are spaced 8' apart edge to edge or spaced 6' between seated customers at different tables. Tables should also be spaced 6' away from areas with regular customer foot traffic.
- Self-Service Seating Prohibited** – restaurants must not allow customer to seat themselves. Additionally, tables must be cleaned after each use.
- Service to Standing Customers Prohibited** – except for food pick-up where standards for pick-up follow the physical distancing requirements outlined in 216-RICR-50-15-7.3(A), congregating and/or mingling within a restaurant, bar, or catered event is not permitted. All customers consuming food or drink on premises must be seated in accordance with all indoor and outdoor dining requirements.
- Self-Service Food Prohibited** – restaurants are not permitted to offer self-service food stations, such as salad bars or buffet tables.
- Bar Seating Not Permitted** – unless bars 1.) can seat parties 6' apart, or 2.) have a physical barrier installed between parties sitting at the bar, bar seating is not permitted.
- Bar Seating Exemption** – if the bar seating exemption requirements are met, no staff are permitted to work in any areas behind the bar unless a physical, non-porous barrier (e.g., plexiglass) of appropriate height is installed between the bar work areas and customers. Even with physical barriers between bar work areas and customers, staff may only serve seated customers through an opening in the barrier that is no more than eight (8) inches in size and working bar areas, such as drink making stations or glassware storage, must be located at least 6' from these gaps. If no customers are seated at the bar, the bar area must be roped off or otherwise separated from the rest of the establishment and service to customers from staff behind the bar may not occur.
- Contact Tracing** – information must be collected from all visitors and other entrants who have interacted with others present on site for a period of 15-minutes or more solely for the purposes of contact tracing. The information collected must be maintained for 30 days; records dating before the previous 30 days must be permanently destroyed. Visitors and other entrants whose information is collected must be notified at the time of collection that the information is being collected solely for the purpose of contact tracing. The following information should be collected:
 - * Full name;
 - * Phone number; and
 - * Date and time(s) on site.