



Knox County Health Department

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KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT COVID-19 BUSINESS RISK REDUCTION GUIDELINES RESOLUTION 2021-A

WHEREAS, community transmission of COVID-19 continues to occur in Knox County, and;

WHEREAS, businesses play a vital role in prevention of disease and supporting our economy, and;

WHEREAS, providing a safe environment for people to work, shop and gather is good for our collective physical, emotional and economic health, and;

WHEREAS, as of April 22, 2021, there were 626 confirmed deaths in Knox County due to complications of COVID-19, and;

WHEREAS, as of April 22, 2021, there have been more than 51,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Knox County, and;

NOW THEREFORE, Martha Buchanan, MD, in her capacity as Health Director and Health Officer recommends the following for all businesses operating in Knox County:

1. This Resolution shall be known as the “COVID-19 Business Risk Reduction Guidelines”
2. Ensure compliance with any federal, state or local regulations related to prevention of COVID-19.
3. Provide and encourage the use of masks by all employees, vendors and patrons.
4. Change layouts and limit occupancy to make sure customers and parties can remain at least 6 feet apart.
5. Prioritize outdoor seating and open windows and doors to increase circulation of outdoor air if possible.
6. Offer curbside pickup when possible.
7. Urge employees to stay home if they feel unwell, tested positive for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
8. Require employees to frequently wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before, during, and after preparing food and after touching garbage.
9. Develop a schedule for increased routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, bathrooms, cash registers, tables, countertops, receipt trays, and condiment holders.

10. Make sure there are enough supplies to support healthy hygiene, such as soap, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, tissues, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, and no-touch trash cans in key areas of the restaurant including near the cash registers and in the restrooms.
11. Adhere to the additional industry-specific guidelines provided in the [Tennessee Pledge](#).
12. Encourage fully vaccinated team members to continue to follow [CDC safety precautions](#).

Adopted this 23rd Day of April, 2021



Martha Buchanan, M.D.

Knox County Health Officer/Knox County Health Director