

Ward 5 eblast, 05/06/20

Good evening all...

It was announced on today's B-TV COVID-19 Update that restaurants will be allowed to re-open Thursday morning at 8:00 for inside or outside seating.

[Watch the first 3:30 minutes of the video, please.](#)

You also likely received in today's mail the [guidelines for Opening Up Biloxi Again.](#)

If it didn't arrive in today's mail, look for it tomorrow.

- Staff from the city's Community Development Department are visiting the city's 171 licensed restaurants in the city today and over the next day or two to make sure operators are aware of the guidelines for reopening.
- Department Director Jerry Creel said Code Enforcement officers are confirming that new temporary occupancy limits are displayed and followed... 50 percent of occupancy... and that operators are being given a copy of the restaurant guidelines from the city's Opening Up Biloxi Again plan.
- "We know everyone is anxious," said Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich. "We're anxious, too, but we want businesses and their customers to adhere to these responsible precautions."

Here are the guidelines in the Restaurant section of the plan:

- Sign at entrance: Persons with symptoms not allowed
- Encourage outdoor dining, if available
- Limit customers to those who can be distanced by 6 feet
- Number of customers should not exceed 50 percent of occupancy capacity
- Outdoor waiting area marked to show social distancing limits
- One member per party in waiting area
- Tables limited to six guests
- Employees with symptoms not allowed to work (temperature taken when arrive at work)
- Employees will wear gloves and face covering
- Point-of-sale equipment spaced six feet; area and equipment frequently cleaned and sanitized
- High-customer contact area cleaned and sanitized frequently
- Non-cash payment recommended (debit or credit cards if possible)
- Provide contact tracing information as needed by health agencies

Be safe; stay safe; do your part,

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