



# City of Manchester:

## Food Service Industry & Stay at Home 2.0

On May 18, restaurants will be permitted to begin outdoor sit down food service, in compliance with all guidelines determined by the State of New Hampshire's [modified stay-at-home order](#).

In order to best support local restaurants, the City of Manchester will allow for the expansion of outdoor dining to their privately-owned outdoor parking lots. Additionally, downtown businesses with existing sidewalk encumbrance permits can extend food service in front of adjacent businesses with the written permission of that property owner.

**All restaurants opening for outdoor sit down service must prepare a diagram of planned table and seating surfaces, including measurements, (see Fig. 1) in order to begin service, including those restaurants with existing patios and sidewalk encumbrance permits.**

**Please contact the Manchester City Clerk's Office at [cityclerk@manchesternh.gov](mailto:cityclerk@manchesternh.gov) with any questions or to submit your proposal and documentation**

In order to make this process as smooth as possible, restaurants extending service to **private outdoor parking lots** should be prepared with a site plan and proposal that details:

- **Layout of tables and seating surfaces**
  - Limit tables to no more than six (6) guests per table
  - Tables spacing should be maintained so people sitting at adjacent tables are at least 6 feet apart (*See Fig. 1*)
  - Tables spacing must be maintained so people sitting at adjacent tables are more than 6 feet apart, and to allow employees/servers to stand back 6 feet from a group's table
- **Method and materials of defining area on site (*fences, walls or other barriers*)**
  - Proper protective barriers (jersey barriers) shall be in place to maintain public safety, not a simple rope or yellow tape
- **Location of and accessible walkway to sanitary facilities (*hand sanitizer stations, restrooms, etc.*)**
- **Location of and walkway to accessible exits**
- **Location and method of lighting walkways for evening service**
- **Location of waiting area/line (*if applicable*):**
  - Must have safe areas to stand away from traffic, including a physical barrier
  - Must have designated space that does not interfere with pedestrian traffic flow
  - Must allow for adequate social distancing
- **Location of heating appliances and fuel storage (*if applicable*)**
- **Additional permitting required for tent use, contact the Manchester City Clerk's office for more information.**

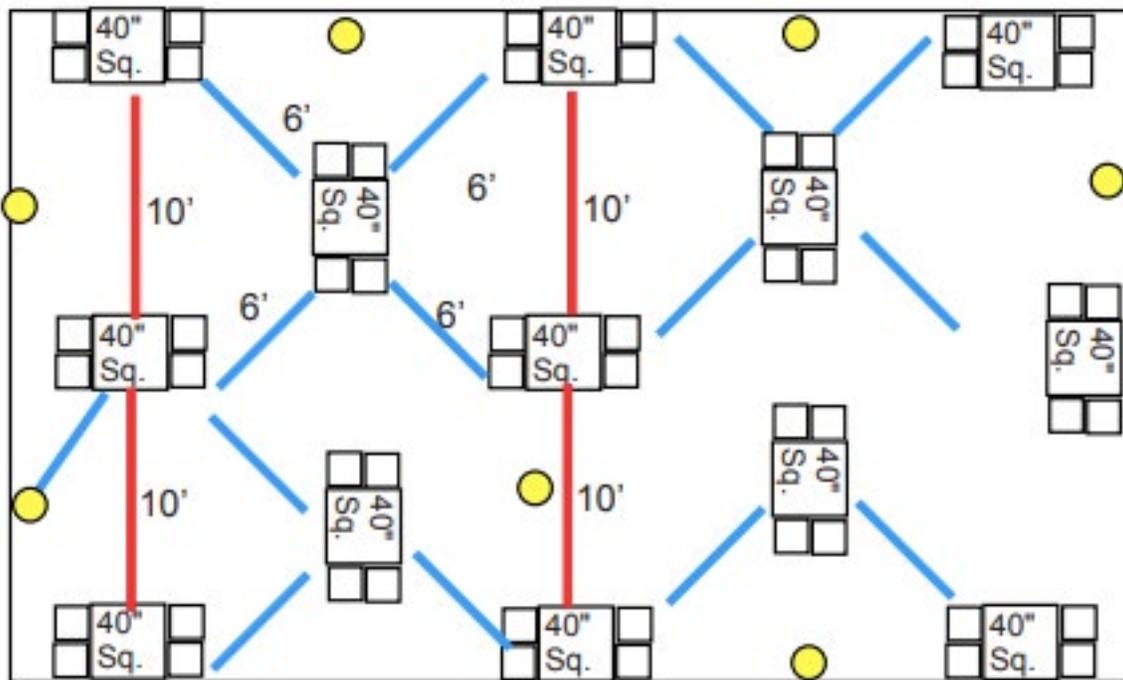




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**Fig. 1**

**Example of seating plan that adheres to social distancing requirements**



**13 Tables of 4 guests show in a 30' x 50' space**

Spacing is based on the back of a chair being 18" away from table edge

● Server

