



Renfrew County and District Health Unit

COVID-19 FACT SHEET

Food premises – What's open, what's different

The Ontario Government has emergency orders in place to reduce contact between people and stop the spread of COVID-19, such as closing restaurants and bars where seating is provided.

What food premises can be open?

The updated list of [essential workplaces](#) allows food premises such as restaurants (e.g., cafeterias/canteens, fast food trucks, mobile food vendors) to open with **take-out, drive-through and delivery service ONLY**. Seasonal mobile food vendors such as chip stands can be open. The Health Unit inspects these places like other food premises.

What food premises changes can customers expect to see?

- All service is take-out and delivery ONLY. There is no dine-in service available. Don't expect to wait at the bar/counter for your order to be filled.
- Food must be taken away from the site to minimize social gathering. Pick up your food and leave, allowing other customers to get their order.
- No indoor or outdoor table service is allowed. Food premises will not offer seating areas for customers, such as a picnic table at a chip stand.
- The vendor must use single-use containers, napkins and cutlery, and provide single-use items such as ketchup, mustard or vinegar packs.
- Vendors prefer debit/credit card sales or E-transfers to avoid handling cash.

Tips for takeout

- Stay in your vehicle until your order is ready. Assign one person to leave the car and retrieve your order. Avoid gathering outdoors or letting children play around a mobile food truck.
- If lined up, keep a 2-metre (6 foot) distance from others. Follow the signs, pylons or lines that indicate the required spacing.
- Immediately wash your hands for at least 20 seconds after receiving your order and before eating. Avoid touching your face after bringing your food home and before eating. Transfer the food from the container to your own dishware and recycle the packaging if possible or dispose of it. Carry alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you and use often if you plan to eat in your vehicle.
- Wash your hands well again and eat with your own utensils. Once the meal is eaten, clean and sanitize counters and tables.

For more information: Call Renfrew County and District Health Unit at 613-735-8654, extension 555 to speak with a public health inspector. Visit www.rcdhu.com or the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#).

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