



The COVID-19 Pandemic and Restaurants:

El Monte has over 300 restaurants representing food from around the world. They are an important part of the local business community and contribute to the City's tax base.

On March 17, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, all restaurants in California were prohibited from offering dine-in food service. This restriction has created an extreme hardship on restaurants.

Restaurants in LA County were recently given the approval to offer dine-in service again, provided certain conditions are met. These include wearing face masks, social distancing and limiting seating occupancy to 60% of the pre-COVID levels.

“Dine-Out El Monte”

In an effort to assist local restaurants, the El Monte City Council approved the “Dine-Out El Monte” program, allowing temporary outdoor dining for restaurants.

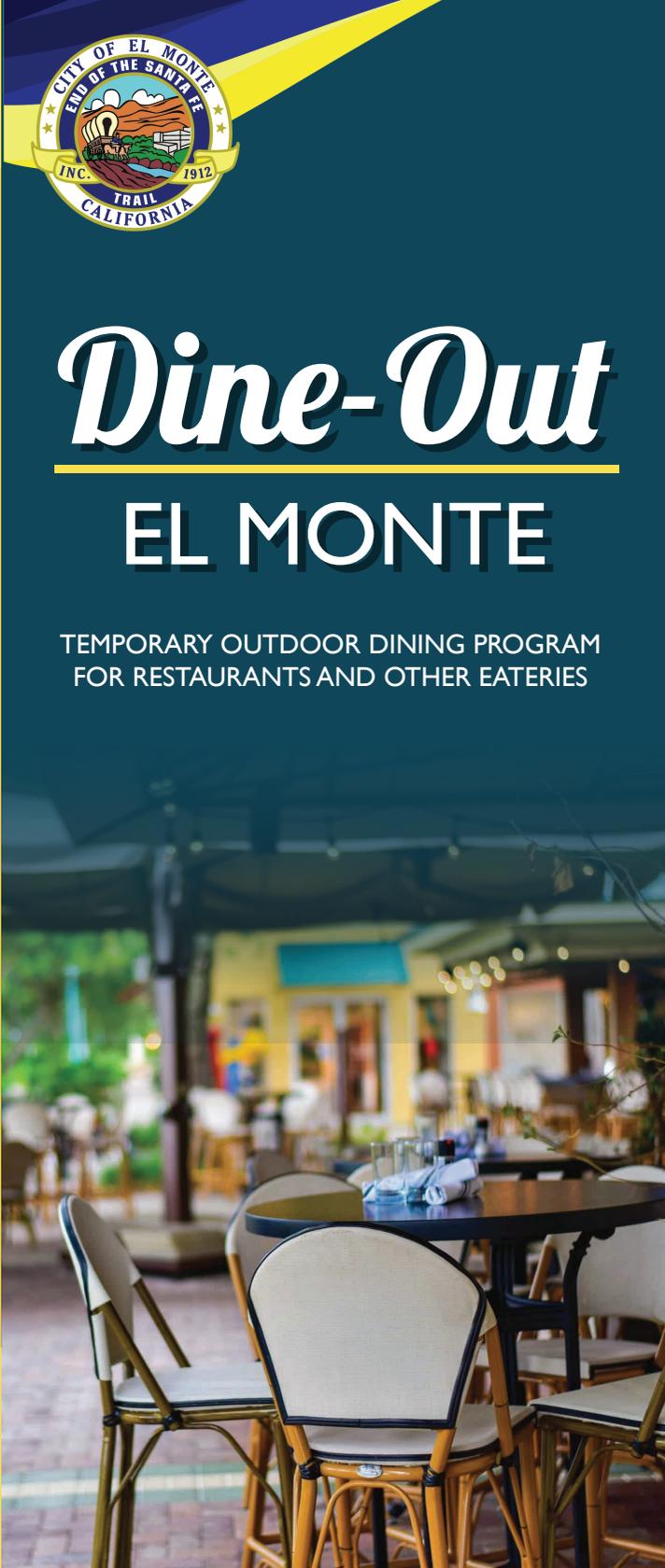


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TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM
FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATERIES



What types of outdoor dining are there?

The program includes four types of outdoor dining:

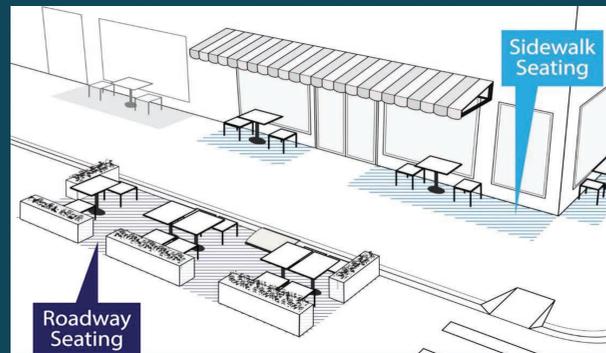
- 1) Dining on Private Walkways – This includes oversized walkways and other paved areas near the building entrance.
- 2) Dining on Private Parking Spaces – This could be an option for restaurants located in larger shopping centers.
- 3) Dining on Public Sidewalks – For restaurants that abut the public right-of-way.
- 4) Dining on Public Parking Spaces – For restaurants on Main Street in Downtown, where traffic is slower.

Who can apply and when does the program expire?

- Any restaurant or other eatery such as a bakery or ice cream parlor that has a valid City business license.
- Nightclubs, minimarts, convenience marts and grocery stores are not eligible.
- All permits shall expire on **September 30, 2020**, unless the City Council approves and extension.

What standards must I follow?

- **Design** – Umbrellas, decorative railings and potted plants are highly encouraged (barriers are required for all dining on parking spaces).
- **Size** – This will vary depending on the type of outdoor dining and its location.
- **Parking** – No new parking shall be required.
- **Access** – Pedestrian paths of travel and disabled access shall be maintained at all times.
- **Maintenance** – Outdoor dining areas shall be maintained and clean at all times.
- **Hours** – Shall be limited to the restaurant's hours or 10 PM, whichever occurs first.
- **Storage** – Provide a summary of how tables, umbrellas, etc. will be stored and secured when the restaurant is closed.
- **Limitations** – Live entertainment, dancing, customized lighting and amplified sound systems conducive a nightclub shall be prohibited.
- **Alcohol** – May be permitted if the applicant has a valid license and City approval and complies with all Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) requirements.
- **Additional Standards** – Can be found on the City's website at www.elmonteca.gov.



How does the application process work?

- Complete the “Dine-Out El Monte” application form that is found on the City's website at www.elmonteca.gov.
- Receive property owner's authorization.
- Provide a description of the request.
- Confirm compliance with all applicable outdoor dining standards.
- Provide a site plan showing all structures on the site, the restaurant, the restaurant's entrance, proposed outdoor dining area, landscaping and parking areas.
- Submit all of the above to the City's Planning Division.
- No City fee shall be charged.

How do I get Additional Information?

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