



# Bayfield County Health Department

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## **Food & Lodging Facilities: Understanding COVID - 19 Restrictions in Bayfield County**

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all food service establishments will be required to follow the following restrictions:

- Operate at 50 percent of seating capacity or 50 total people, whichever is less.
- Preserve social distancing of 6 feet between tables, booths, bar stools, and ordering counters.
- Cease self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets.
- Prohibit customers from self-dispensing all unpackaged food and beverages.

This order will remain in effect for the duration of the public health emergency declared in Governor Evers' Executive Order #72, or until a superseding order is issued.

### **Examples of Businesses Impacted:**

- All food service establishments with seating;
- Any food service establishment with a salad bar or buffet;
- Hotels with a continental breakfast and/or conference room facilities.
- Grocery stores with self-service of unpackaged food items (Soup, Salad Bars, etc.);

### **Recommended Business Practices:**

Bayfield County expects that as the nation faces similar restrictions and employers encourage their staff to work from home, many people may choose to practice social distancing at their private, secluded vacation homes within the county. Bayfield County is promoting that local food and lodging businesses remain open at this time to help meet the needs of residents and visitors to Bayfield County. Some suggestions that may help your facility remain open while maintaining mandatory social distancing requirements include:

#### **FOOD & RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS**

- Offer Take-Out options to customers
- Offer Delivery to customers – Food and Retail service establishments may offer this service at this time without it impacting their licensing category;
- Offer ordering of food via phone, e-mail or internet;

#### **LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS**

- Wash Comforters and Bed covers after each guest turnover or remove.
- Use disposable cups and utensils or run all dishware in rooms through a commercial dishwasher.
- Use websites and social media to interact and communicate with customers.

This situation is fluid and guidance is likely to change. Current information will be posted on the Bayfield County COVID-19 Website <https://www.bayfieldcounty.org/1178/12057/CORONAVIRUS-COVID-19#>  
Thank-you so much for your help in this and your willingness to make adjustments in order to keep our residents safe.