

Departments of health offer guidance to WNY restaurants

In an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus, Gov. Andrew Cuomo issued a mandate earlier this month forcing New York restaurants and bars to close their doors to the public. Once that happened, many of these eateries switched to an acceptable form of service: takeout and delivery.

Though the goal was to encourage social distancing while still keeping patrons fed, it appears some restaurants have inadvertently neglected the six-feet-apart rule. As such, both the Erie County and Niagara County departments of health issued additional guidance this week.

In a press release, the ECDOH stated, "In response to many questions about restaurants and takeout food, we are reminding Erie County residents that, even with the shift to takeout-only services, restaurants still have to follow all food safety and sanitary regulations. Public health sanitarians are inspecting food facilities that remain open."

The department explained just how takeout should work:

- √ Order by phone and charge via credit card
- √ Customer calls when they arrive
- √ No interaction between restaurant and customers picking up order
- √ Food placed in vehicle trunk

In Niagara County, the Department of Health stated, "Restaurant seating is not allowed at this time. Restaurants providing takeout/delivery have been required to take steps to allow for adequate social distancing for patrons at pick-up locations. This includes facilitation of social distancing of at least six feet."

"Social distancing remains a critical protective action all persons should take. Maintaining a distance of approximately 6 feet from others, when possible, is

key for those utilizing restaurant services for takeout or delivery," Public Health Director Daniel J. Stapleton said.

Additionally, a press release added, "If you have questions or concerns regarding the environmental health food service program, please call 716-439-7444."

The NCDOH website has a listing of food service providers offering takeout/delivery options, as does the Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce.

Eli Cobti prepares a takeout order while maintaining social distancing at Syros in Lewiston. Patrons of the Greek-American restaurant can order anything and everything off the menu, including the eatery's famous breakfast selections. Check out <https://syrosrestaurant.com/>, place an order by calling 754-1900, and pickup at 869 Cayuga St.



Niagara Wine Trail open for business

From the Niagara Wine Trail:

Our Niagara Wine Trail family would like to keep you updated on what is happening right now along the trail:

While NYS tasting rooms are no longer permitted to offer tastings or wine by the glass, many wineries have cases and bottles available for pickup and/or delivery. Contact your local wineries and check their social media pages for the most up-to-date information.

The Niagara Wine Trail will be rescheduling the March 28 "Vino at the Casino" event. Watch for future e-newsletters for updates on the trail events and tasting room news.

Other things to remember during this time:

- √ Stay informed, but reduce information overload.
- √ Watch a funny video. Laughter is good for you.
- √ Look after your neighbors.

Practice random acts of kindness.

- √ Support your local businesses.
 - √ Mail or email someone a letter or thank you note to brighten their day.
 - √ Take advantage of found time. Taking a walk can release anxiety.
- We want to thank you for your support of our small, family businesses. We will get through this together.
- Stay safe and healthy.



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Lewiston
405-7596 or
275-7971

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TAKEOUT AND/OR DELIVERY AVAILABLE LOCALLY

A Gust of Sun Winery – Wine available curbside and delivery; call 731-4878

Apple Granny Restaurant – Takeout and delivery; call 754-2028 or visit www.AppleGranny.com

Bandana's – Takeout; call 745-1010 or visit www.Bandanasbarandgrill.net

Bella Rose Vineyard & Winery – Wine pickup only; call 405-7355 or visit www.bellarosewinery.com

Black Willow Winery – Takeout sales of wine, cheese, chocolate; call 439-1982

Brickyard Pub & BBQ – Takeout and delivery; call 754-7227 or visit www.brickyardpub.com

Brickyard Brewing Company – Takeout and delivery; call 754-7227 or visit www.brickyardbrewing-company.com

Calhoon's Pub (Newfane) – Takeout; call 638-0455

Casa Antica Restaurant and Lounge – Pickup & delivery Mon-Sat, 3pm till closing. Daily specials & family packages; call 754-2581 or visit www.CasaAnticaRestaurant.com

Cask + Cow – Takeout and delivery; call 405-7063 or visit www.CaskandCow.com

Como Deli – Closed in Lewiston, but Niagara Falls flagship is open for delivery and curbside pickup - even to Lewiston and NT; call 285-8900

David's Steak Hoagy – Takeout and delivery; call 283-3322 or visit www.davidsteakhoagy.com

De Dee's Dairy – Takeout ice cream! Call 297-8856

DeGiulio's Pharmacy – Pharmacy delivery; call 405-7821 or visit www.Degiuliospharmacy.com

DiMino's Lewiston Tops – Grocery Delivery (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) / Instacart / pick-up; call 215-1350

Gallo Coal Fire Kitchen – Takeout; call 405-7596 or visit www.GalloRestaurants.com

Grandma D's Pizzeria – Takeout and Delivery; call 219-4100 or visit www.grandmadspizza.com

Great Foodini – Takeout and delivery 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; call 791-4400

The Griffon Gastropub – Curbside Pickup and Delivery; call 236-7474 or visit www.GriffonGastro-Pub.com

The Griffon House – Friday fish fry takeout only; call 405-7291

Johnston's Restaurant – Curbside pick-up available! Call 791-3511 or 791-3060

Just Desserts By Aimee – Pre-ordering/pickup and delivery; call 628-5892

Knead the Dough – Takeout with daily menu and favorite specials; call 791-4991

Main Street Pizzeria – Takeout and delivery only; call 745-1130

Orange Cat Coffee Co. – Takeout; call 754-2888

Ray's Tavern – Takeout 3-8 p.m. Thursday - Sunday; curbside delivery upon request; call 745-3657

Sanger Farms – Takeout orders; open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday; call 745-7297 or visit www.SangerFarm.com

Scipione's Italian Deli & Catering – Open for pick-up orders only; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays; call 285-8686 or visit www.scipionecatering.com/

Spice Harbor – Delivery available: soup/food mixes, pre-packaged snacks; call 754-2044

The Spicy Pickle – Takeout, pickup & curbside delivery; call 754-2044 or text 346-2459 or visit www.SpicyPickle.com

Sunshine Café – Takeout and delivery; open 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. weekdays, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekends; call 236-0051

Syros Restaurant – Takeout; call 754-1900 or visit www.Syrosrestaurant.com

Tin Pan Alley – Takeout only 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. Sunday; call 754-4330

Villa Coffee House – Takeout only 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; full breakfast with limited lunch menu; dinner options available from 4-7 p.m.; call 754-2660

The Village Bake Shoppe – Takeout and order pick-up; call 754-2300 or visit www.VillageBakeShoppe.com

Vincenzo's Pizza House – Open for pickup and delivery services on full menu; call 754-7383

The Youngstown Galley – Takeout; call 745-1517

Youngstown Village Diner – Takeout and delivery; call 745-9858 or visit www.YoungstownVillage-Diner.com

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