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City of Easthampton Food Truck Requirements

In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, the Board of Health issued an Official Order titled: All Essential Businesses Open to the Public. The order issued by the Board of Health is geared more towards restaurants and retail stores; therefore, the Health Department has condensed the order into this guidance document specifically for food trucks. Some additional items related to food trucks have been added. All requirements shall be followed. Failure to do so may result in fines listed in the original order and/or permit suspension.

General requirements:

1. Face coverings are required for employees and customers at all times.
2. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers, as available, shall be provided for customers.
3. No on premise eating shall be permitted. This includes picnic tables, etc. No congregating, hanging out, etc. shall be allowed.
4. Procedures shall be in place to ensure that both employees and customers remain at least 6 feet apart at all times. Procedures shall include a marked "social distancing line," which begins 6 feet away from all checkout counters.
5. There shall be a plan in place to avoid customers congregating while waiting for their order i.e. a waiting area with social distancing markings, etc.
6. One person shall handle orders and payment and one person shall handle the food preparation.
7. Elimination of any open free samples or tastings.
8. Elimination of self-service of condiments.
9. Employees shall wear gloves at all times and change gloves every 2 hours or sooner if necessary.
10. Disinfect counters, credit/debit card machines, etc. **after each customer.**

11. Do not allow customers to use reusable containers.
12. Partitions (i.e. plexiglass) shall be erected between employees and the public at all cash registers, drive-thru windows, and/or any area where a customer and an employee interact.
13. Strongly recommend: Pre-ordering and payment by phone. Cash transactions shall be avoided if possible.

Screening of employees:

1. Screen employees upon arrival to work. Screening questions should include:
 - a. Have you recently been in contact with a positive COVID-19 case?
 - b. Are you experiencing any of the symptoms below?

COVID-19 symptoms:

Cough
Shortness of Breath

Or at least two of these symptoms

Sore Throat
Fever
Chills
Repeated shaking with chills
Muscle pain
Headache
Sore throat
Loss of taste or smell
Diarrhea
Nausea
Vomiting

NOTE: If an employee answers yes to any of these questions, they shall be **excluded** from work and contact their primary care physician.

2. If an employee is positive for COVID-19, they are not allowed to return back to work until they have two negative tests, 24 hours apart, or until they have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever **without** the use of medicine that reduces fevers) **AND** other symptoms have improved (for example, symptoms of cough or shortness of breath have improved) **AND** at least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared.
3. If an employee has COVID-19 symptoms but has not been tested, they should not return to work until they are completely symptom free.

4. If an employee has been in contact (within 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for 15 minutes or more) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or has traveled to a level 3 country, then the employee shall not come to work for 14 days and self-quarantine.

- Level 3 countries:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.html>

- Information on self-quarantine:

https://easthamptonma.gov/images/COVID19_Quarantine_Guidance_for_Contacts.pdf