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### PATRON RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN DINING OUT

As restaurants and bars resume operations in Chenango County it is important to consider changes that have been made to protect employees, customers, and the community to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Restaurants and bars can determine, in collaboration with state and local health officials, how to make adjustments to their business to meet the needs and circumstances of the local community. It is important to support your local restaurants and bars, but to also do it safely.

COVID-19 is mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough, or sneeze. It is thought that the virus may spread to a person's hands from a contaminated surface and then to the nose or mouth, causing infection. Therefore, personal prevention practices such as handwashing and environmental cleaning and disinfection are key principles. Restaurants and bars may consider implementing several strategies to encourage behaviors that reduce the spread of COVID-19 among employees and customers. It is your responsibility as a patron to follow those recommendations.

Here are a few things you should do when you are dining out:

- ✓ Wear a face covering that covers your mouth and nose at all times except when seated at your table. This includes waiting in line, walking to your table, using the restroom and paying/exiting the restaurant.
- ✓ Maintain social distancing at all times when waiting in line and anytime you're not seated at a table.
- ✓ Wash and disinfect your hands often, especially after handling frequently touched surfaces.
- ✓ Maximum of 10 people per table
- ✓ Follow traffic flow indicators if present and adhere to signs and messages posted by the establishment.

- ✓ When accessing a salad bar or buffet follow the restaurant's directions to handle serving utensils safely.
- ✓ Please stay home if you suspect you are ill or show signs of illness.

For more information and guidance please visit:

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

[www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov](http://www.coronavirus.health.ny.gov)