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NOTICE TO ALL RESTAURANTS – FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS – TOWN OF BROOKLINE

The Brookline Department of Public Health (BDPH) would like to thank the many establishments that have been working hard to comply with all of the COVID-19 Health and Safety Requirements during this challenging time. Unfortunately, the Department has been receiving complaints that Food Preparation and Counter Service staff are not fully complying with face covering requirements. Specifically staff referenced above are wearing face coverings **but**, not covering their nose and or mouth. All operators are reminded this is an important requirement in controlling the spread of COVID-19. You must remind all staff to comply with proper face covering requirements. Additionally, more customers will be willing to return to the businesses and commercial areas that have full compliance by all employees. Inspection staff will be doing spot checks to insure compliance and respond to these complaints.

In addition, the State has revised the Phase III Step 1 requirements for all Restaurants. These revised standards address requirements that Alcoholic Beverages **must** be served with food prepared on-site. Potato chips, pretzels and other similar pre-packaged items **are not** considered on-site prepared foods.

The revised standards do not allow meals to be served from over bar areas. Bars areas can be used for food service but service must be by wait staff from kitchen to table and not over a bar area. Lastly, the BDPH inspectional staff will be checking establishment's receipts to ensure food items are served with alcoholic beverages. Attached you will find revised standards and checklist noting these new requirements.

Should you have additional question please contact the BDPH at 617-730-2300 or Covid19Info@BrooklineMA.Gov

Thank You for your continued cooperation and efforts during this challenging time.

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/sector-specific-workplace-safety-standards-phase-iii-step-1-for-restaurants-to-address-covid-19/download>

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-restaurants-protocol-summary/download>

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-restaurants-checklist/download>