

## Safe Service & Gathering Recommendations as of September 2020

We are currently operating under the guidance of the Stay Safe MN / Minnesota Department of Health document [Guidance for Safe Celebrations and Events](#). This guidance was written specifically for "catered parties, wedding receptions, funeral receptions, and other social gatherings related to ceremonies." in MN.

In order to serve you and your guests in the safest way possible, please answer the following:

- Is your event indoors or outdoors?
- Do you have a designated space for us to set the boxed food and supplies we are delivering?
- Contactless delivery means we will not come within 6' of you or your guests. Please provide a table or other space where our staff may leave your order without coming within 6'.
- We will wear a mask, we ask that you do the same when greeting our driver and retrieving your food.
- Do you have sanitation stations or easy ways for guests to wash hands regularly?
- How will you be maintaining social distancing between family groups?
- Do you have seating for everyone?
- Who is your designated compliance captain - A person who will help maintain social distancing and sanitize high touch areas?
- Who is your designated food server to avoid self-service?

Events not taking place at a licenced venue fall under "Social Settings" in the <https://staysafe.mn.gov> Stay Safe Plan grid Phase III. The guest count limit under the plan for "Social Settings" is 10 or less guests indoors, 25 or less guests outdoors.

### Here are some important considerations we'd like to share with you no matter the size of your event:

- Consider sending your guests the [Visitor and Employee Health Screening Checklist](#) questionnaire less than 24 hours before your event, and asking guests to stay home if they feel sick.
- Inform your guests ahead of your event that best practices when gathering are:
  - Wear a mask at all times when not eating or drinking.
  - Ensure a minimum of 6 feet of distance between participants not from the same household throughout the event.
  - If seated, limit the table to 4 persons, or 6 if part of one family unit.

**Minnesota Department of Health recommends that you:**

- Keep cold food cold, under 41°F
- Keep Hot food Hot, over 135°F.
- Do not allow food to remain outside of the above temperatures for more than 3 hours
- Always wash your hands before serving, and wear gloves whenever touching ready-to-eat food.

**Chowgirls and the State of MN also recommend:**

- Assign a person or team of people to serve your guests, instead of allowing guests to serve themselves.
- Whenever possible, set up your service line or dinner area to socially distance your guests at 6' intervals as they are served.

“Self-service food and beverage areas are allowed as long as the COVID-19 plan addresses customer protections such as oversight of the self-service area to ensure social distancing is maintained, hands are being sanitized, and customers are required to wear face masks in the self-service area. Best practice would be to pre-package food ahead of time as much as possible.” - MN Department of Health, [Safe Dining Link](#)

Thank you for putting your trust in our team as we put you, your guests, and our staff's safety first.