

### OSHA Issues COVID-19 Guidance for Restaurant Industry

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On Friday, in a series of industry-specific guidance on COVID-19 safety measures, the Occupational and Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) issued a number of recommendations for employers in the restaurant and food and beverage industries. These guidelines largely mirror recommendations that have been issued for employers in other industries thus far. Specifically, OSHA recommends that employers take the following steps:

- Encourage workers to stay home if they are sick;
- Avoid direct hand-off, when possible;
- Display a door or sidewalk sign with the services available (e.g., take-out, curbside), instructions for pickup, and hours of operation;
- Reserve parking spaces near the front door for curbside pickup only;
- Train workers in proper hygiene practices and the use of workplace controls;
- Allow workers to wear masks over their nose and mouth to prevent spread of the virus;
- Provide a place to wash hands and alcohol-based hand rubs containing at least 60% alcohol;
- Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces and equipment with Environmental Protection Agency-approved cleaning chemicals from List N or that have label claims against the coronavirus;
- Practice sensible social distancing by maintaining six feet between co-workers and customers. Mark six-foot distances with floor tape in pickup lines, encourage customers to pay ahead of time by phone or online, temporarily move workstations to create more distance, and install plexiglass partitions, if feasible; and
- Encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns.

If you need assistance with your required COVID-19 Preparedness Plan or have questions regarding safety measures you should implement at your workplace, reach out to any member of **Bodman’s Workplace Law Group**. Bodman cannot respond to your questions or receive information from you without first clearing potential conflicts with other clients. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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