

City of Santa Barbara

GUIDE TO OPERATING A BUSINESS ON STATE STREET

The novel coronavirus pandemic has caused unprecedented disruption in our community and created significant challenges for businesses. The City invites State Street businesses to temporarily expand their operations onto public sidewalks in order to provide additional outdoor seating capacity and safe physical distance.

For more information about public health directives for re-opening businesses, please review the County's **Reopening in a Safe Environment (RISE) Guide**: recoversbc.org/the-rise-guide and the State's **COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Dine-In Restaurants** at covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance.

Note: Additional steps are required prior to re-opening. Please follow the instructions in the RISE Guide and submit the **Business Attestation Form** and the **Industry Checklist**. These forms are required for **all** businesses, even if you have already been open and operating.

Sidewalk Operations are Temporary: The City of Santa Barbara reserves the right to remove any materials placed in the right-of-way at its sole discretion. City approval is not required for businesses to expand onto sidewalks or parking lots in accordance with these guidelines, but when your setup is complete, take photos from different angles and send to OutdoorDining@SantaBarbaraCA.gov with the business address in the subject.

Contact: For questions and additional guidance, send an email to OutdoorDining@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

Specifications for Sidewalk Operations

Businesses may extend customer-serving operations such as outdoor dining onto the sidewalk adjacent to their store frontage. Operations may extend to the curb and into right turn pockets and any other space between the curb and the bike lane. Business operations must leave a six foot buffer between customer seating and the pedestrian travel lanes in the street.

Tables must be spaced at least six feet apart, in accordance with public health guidelines for physical distancing. If an adjacent business also chooses to provide sidewalk dining, please coordinate your layout to ensure proper distancing.

All seating and other fixtures must be temporary and easily removed. Fixtures must not alter or damage the pavement, landscaping, lighting, or any other City property.

Portable heaters and lighting are permitted, however, please ensure proper clearance to trees, awnings, and umbrellas to avoid fire hazards. Heaters and lighting must be self-contained, with no wires or other trip hazards.

The City strongly recommends storing temporary fixtures indoors while your business is closed. The City is not responsible for loss or damage to private property in the public right-of-way.

Accessibility

Businesses who choose to conduct operations to the curb are responsible for providing access through their property frontage by providing a 4 foot sidewalk access aisle from either side. See illustration below.

