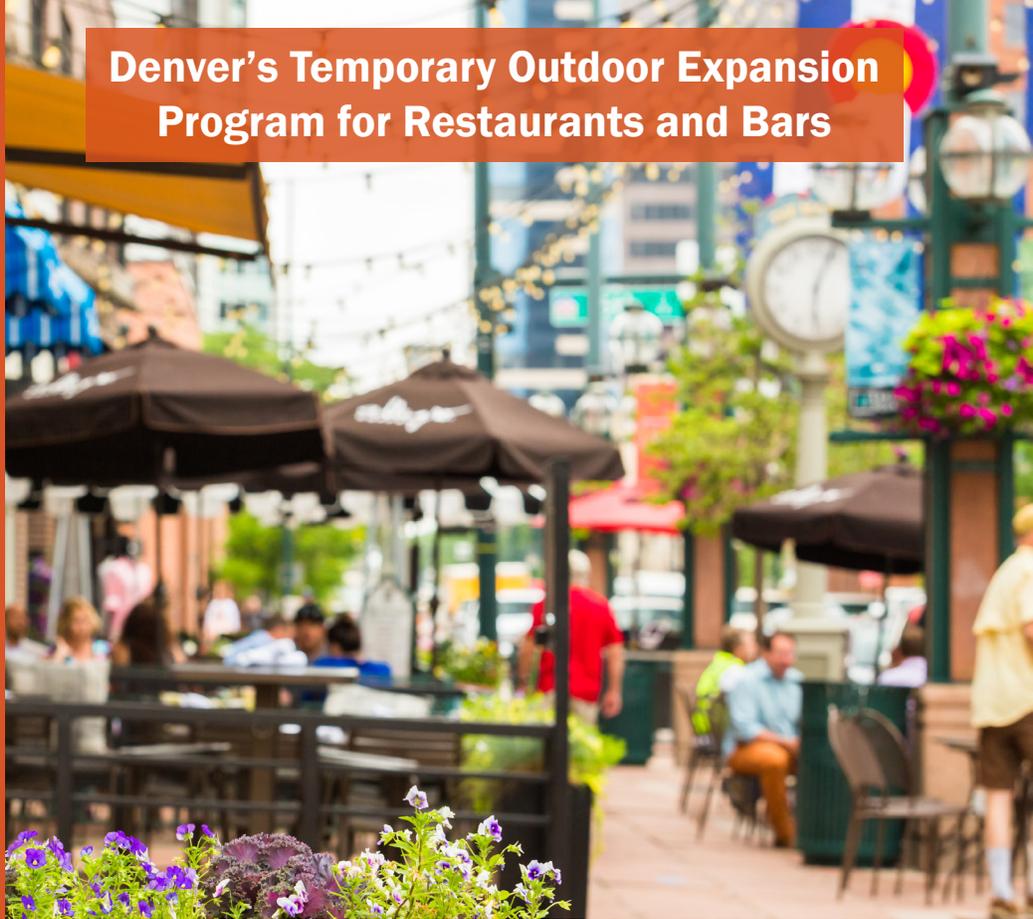


Denver's Temporary Outdoor Expansion Program for Restaurants and Bars

DID YOU KNOW?

The City and County of Denver created a temporary program to allow restaurants and bars to operate in outdoor settings adjacent to their businesses. The program aims to allow for greater physical distancing and safety for patrons now that the state's public health orders allow restaurants to resume limited sit-down service.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

Under this program, restaurants and bars may be able to expand into designated outdoor areas for the summer outdoor dining season – through September 7, 2020, subject to local and state health guidelines. Outdoor areas could include:

- Adjacent parking lots
- Streets
- Sidewalks

Final rules and regulations are still in development.

Applications are now open!

[Denvergov.org/RestaurantPermits](https://denvergov.org/RestaurantPermits)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Learn more and apply at [Denvergov.org/restaurantpermits](https://denvergov.org/restaurantpermits) or contact TempExpand@denvergov.org with questions.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Restaurants, cafes, fast food outlets, coffee shops, bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distillery pubs, wineries, tasting rooms, and other similar places of public accommodation offering food, beverages, or alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

What if my business doesn't have a patio?

You can apply to use private property adjacent to your business, such as your backyard, or a neighbor's parking lot to set up expanded patio seating. You can also apply to use city property next to your business such as a sidewalk, a street, an alley, or on-street parking spaces in front of your business. The city is working closely with business owners who apply for this program. Each business must create an outdoor set-up that is safe, clean, and creates social distance.

What are the allowed hours of operation for the temporary outdoor expansion?

Temporary outdoor patios are required to close by 10 p.m. from Sunday through Thursday. On Fridays, Saturdays and federal holidays, temporary outdoor patios are required to close by 11 p.m.

Can I erect/build/install furniture, tents, railings, etc.?

In most cases, yes. The outdoor area may include temporary tables, benches, chairs, and shade devices, as well as temporary railings and other means of containment and separation between patrons and the public. All furnishings and lighting must be easily removed at the end of the program period. Depending on what you are installing, electrical, building, or fire permits may be needed. Additionally, if the outdoor area includes public right-of-way, safety measures (such as signage, traffic control, barricades, and barriers) may be required to ensure mobility and safety for both patrons and the public. Businesses with liquor licenses must demonstrate they can control their premise in accordance with state statute and rules; however, they are not required to mark the liquor-licensed premise by installing railings or any other furniture. Learn more at Denvergov.org/restaurantpermits.

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