Restaurants and food establishments are permitted to open provided all such operations (a) are consistent with the guidelines stated in Emergency Order 20-12 and this Attachment 2; (b) comply with the CDC Guidelines, including the six foot (6’) distancing requirement; and (c) comply with the following capacity limitations: indoor seating areas must not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the maximum indoor seating capacity of the establishment (or the maximum capacity permitted by the applicable Executive Order of the Governor, if less); total indoor and outdoor seating (defined as areas with exclusively open-air customer seating) combined shall not exceed existing total maximum occupancy (100%) for the establishment. Outdoor seating areas shall be subject to any additional limitations imposed by the applicable municipality, and nothing in this Emergency Order precludes any municipality from waiving or modifying municipal regulations regarding outdoor seating restrictions.

All tables and chairs, whether indoor or outdoor, shall be at least six feet apart between parties (at their closest point); bar counters shall remain closed to seating. Patrons are prohibited from congregating at the bar counters or elsewhere. Parties shall be limited to no more than ten (10) persons. Drive-through, curbside take out, or delivery service may continue in accordance with CDC Guidelines and all applicable Broward County Emergency Orders. Social distancing requirements do not apply to members of the same household.

A. Operations Requirements.

1. Establishments shall comply with the following capacity limitations: indoor seating areas must not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the maximum indoor seating capacity of the establishment; total indoor and outdoor seating (defined as areas with exclusively open-air customer seating) combined occupancy shall not exceed existing total maximum occupancy (100%) for the establishment.

2. Ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene practices for both employees and customers, including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, and tissues, and make hand sanitizer readily available to guests. Signs on how to stop the spread of COVID-19, including signs on properly washing hands, everyday protective measures, facial coverings, and social distancing should be conspicuously posted.

3. To the extent possible, restaurants and food establishments shall provide single use disposable one-time menus, utilize chalkboard menus, digital menus that are sanitized after each use, other digital menu options available on a personal device, or other means to avoid customers sharing such items.
4. Whenever possible, use disposable (and when possible, biodegradable) food service items (utensils, dishes, etc.) and single serving seasonings and condiments to avoid customers sharing such items. If disposable items are not feasible, ensure that all non-disposable food service items are handled with gloves and are washed in between each customer usage with dish soap and hot water or in a dishwasher. Establishments must use packets or pre-rolled bags or wraps of utensils and eliminate table presets. Avoid using food and beverage implements brought in by customers.

5. Use touchless payment options whenever available. Ask customers and employees to exchange cash or card payments by placing on a receipt tray or on the counter rather than hand to hand. Sanitize any pens, counters, or hard surfaces between each use.

6. Ensure that ventilation systems operate properly to provide adequate air circulation in all parts of the facility and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors, using fans, or other methods.

7. Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks, to ensure that customers remain at least six feet apart when in lines. Ask customers to wait in their cars or away from the establishment while waiting for a table or to pick up food. If possible, alert patrons on their cellphone that their table or food is ready to avoid use of restaurant provided “buzzers.” Post signs to inform customers of food pickup protocols.

8. Use placards or other easily visible means to identify tables closed due to social distancing and to identify tables that have been sanitized and are ready for the next use.

9. Restrict the number of employees in shared spaces, including kitchens, break rooms, and offices to maintain at least a six-foot distance between people if possible; when a six-foot distance cannot be maintained, employees must wear facial coverings. Where possible, stagger workstations instead of having employees standing opposite one another. If there is a break room, limit the number of employees simultaneously allowed inside.

10. Wherever possible, install physical barriers, such as sneeze guards and partitions, at cash registers, check-in stations, food pickup areas, and other areas where consistently maintaining physical distance of six feet is difficult.

11. Ensure that all suppliers and third-party delivery staff are aware of social distancing requirements.

12. Child or adult gaming and play spaces located in dining establishments shall remain closed.
13. Consider options for a reservations-only model or to have dine-in customers order ahead of time to limit the amount of time spent in the establishment.

14. Buffets and salad bars are to remain closed. Self-service drink stations must provide single use tissues or wipes to use the equipment, and the stations must be washed and sanitized frequently. Remove cut fruit, unwrapped utensils, and unwrapped straws from drink stations.

B. Sanitation and Safety Requirements.

1. Employers must enforce hand washing and use of facial coverings by employees in accordance with Broward County Emergency Order 20-12. This includes the requirement that all staff who have direct customer contact must wear facial coverings when in direct contact with customers. All employees handling food must wear facial coverings consistent with Broward County Emergency Order 20-12. Food preparers are also required to wear gloves while handling food.

2. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (for example, door handles, workstations, cash registers), and frequently shared objects (for example, payment terminals, tables, countertops/bars, receipt trays, pens, condiment holders, and any re-used menus) between each use. Tables and other dining areas must be sanitized after each use. Host stations must be sanitized at least hourly. Use products that meet EPA’s criteria for use against COVID-19 and that are appropriate for the surface.

3. Restrooms must be sanitized no less frequently than hourly.

4. Implement procedures to increase how often you clean and sanitize surfaces in the back-of-house (non-public areas of the establishment). Ensure that disinfectants used on food contact surfaces are appropriate and do not leave a toxic residue.

5. Train all employees in the above safety protocols, in addition to the importance of frequent handwashing, and give them clear instructions to avoid touching hands to face.

6. Conduct daily health checks (e.g., temperature and symptom screening) of employees in accordance with the Governor’s EO 20-68 and in accordance with any applicable privacy laws and regulations. Remind employees to report any illness to their manager and have them verify that they have not had any COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to them coming to work.

7. Employees with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, or shortness of breath, among others) at work should immediately be sent home. Provide with or refer sick staff members to the CDC guidelines and advise them not to return until they have
met the CDC’s criteria to discontinue home isolation. Sick employees not exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms should also be immediately sent home and not be allowed to return until they are symptom-free.

8. Notify local health officials, staff, and customers (if possible) immediately of any confirmed case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality as required by HIPAA, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or other applicable laws.

9. Deep clean the establishment at least once every twenty-four hours.