



**Hospitality Saskatchewan's Recommendations for Food and Beverage and Liquor Serving Premises  
(including banquet, meeting, conference, event, and camp space)**

**March 19th, 2021**

In November 2020, to mitigate the risk of further transmission of the Covid-19 virus, the Saskatchewan Government enhanced and increased restrictions to the service of food and beverage in the province.

With the news that every resident of Saskatchewan will receive a vaccine by the end of June and Premier Moe's announcement March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 that household restrictions would be eased, we are asking the government to consider easing many of the food and beverage restrictions currently in place.

We would recommend for consideration that all Food and Beverage and Liquor Serving Premises (including banquet, meeting, conference, event, and camp space):

- Return to "normal" hours of operation.
- Require that all patrons visiting the food, beverage, liquor establishment must be seated at a table, booth, bar, or counter area.
- Return to 100% capacity with the following restrictions: there must be 2 meters between the backs of the seats of patrons seated at adjacent tables or booths, even if members of the same party are seated at adjacent tables or booths, unless the adjacent tables or booths are separated by physical barriers.
- There must be no more than 6 patrons seated at a table or booth, even if they belong to the same party.
- There must be 2 meters between patrons seated at a counter unless the patrons are in the same party or they are separated by physical barriers.
- If a party of patrons is seated at a counter, there must be no more than 6 members of the party seated less than 2 meters apart from one another, unless they are separated by a physical barrier from other members of the party who are seated adjacent to them at the counter.
- Patrons are to remain seated except to use the washroom facilities or to leave the premises. Patrons must maintain 2 meters from other patrons if they are not seated unless they are separated by physical barriers.
- Owners shall ensure that there is enough staff at the premises to ensure that patrons remain seated and proper sanitization protocols are adhered to.
- Music and other background sounds, such as televisions or other sound producing devices, must be kept at a volume lower than 80 decibels allowing patrons and staff to speak at the volume of a normal conversation.
- No dancing, karaoke, open mic, or similar activities are permitted.
- Dance floors must be closed with physical barriers that prevent their use or occupied with tables.

- No longer require information logs of all customers.
- No congregation of meeting or conference attendees in common areas (crush space or foyers). All breaks must occur out-of-doors and only in groups of 6 maximum (same group as at assigned tables).
- All meeting room, event or conference beverages must be decanted by servers at the table and food must be boxed and delivered or plated and delivered by table service staff.
- All other applicable requirements in the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan shall be adhered to. Where the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan conflicts with this order, the requirements in this order prevail.

We understand and recognize that we are in a very fluid environment and restrictions may vary, from time to time, and we must be adaptive to the rise and fall of infection and hospitalization rates. For this reason, we are suggesting that these recommendations be authorized by Dr. Saqib Shahab, Ministry of Health and the Chief Medical Health Officer for the Province of Saskatchewan, effective March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, to be reviewed on or before April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

We would like to thank Premier Scott Moe, Dr. Saqib Shahab and Minister Jeremy Harrison, once again, for their steadfast and unwavering commitment to our industry over these past 12 months. We very much appreciate the Saskatchewan Governments willingness to engage in meaningful, two-way discussions regarding the challenges and solutions presented by the pandemic and its devastating impact on our industry.

I would invite you to please reach out directly if you have any further questions or concerns relating to our recommendations.

Yours in hospitality,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Bence', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Bence  
President and CEO