



COVID-19 FAQs REGARDING LIVE PERFORMANCES AT RESTAURANTS AND BARS

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We know that bars, restaurants, and wineries in Nevada County are working hard to come up with creative solutions to continue to provide services to our community within the modifications required by the COVID-19 guidances. This FAQ does not supersede guidance from the state's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) website or the applicable sector guidances (e.g. guidances for [restaurants, bars, and wineries](#), for [restaurants providing takeout, drive through and delivery](#), and for [dine-in restaurants](#)). Please review those guidance for updated information.

IS LIVE MUSIC ALLOWED INDOORS AT A RESTAURANT?

Singing, chanting, wind instruments, and spoken word are not allowed indoors at this time in restaurants/bars or other venues. These are considered especially high-risk activities due to the projection and exhalation of aerosolized particles. Music indoors at a restaurant or bar is only allowed if the musician is masked at all times with at least 6' between band members and from any patrons/staff. Piano, guitar, and violin are examples of instruments that would be allowed if the above modifications are made, as they would allow for face coverings and social distancing.

IS LIVE MUSIC ALLOWED OUTDOORS AT A RESTAURANT OR FARMERS MARKET?

Yes, but only in a very limited way and with robust modifications. Any singers or wind instrument players must be 10' from each other and at least 10' from any patrons/staff. All other band members must wear a mask and must remain 6' away from others. Equipment, such as mics, cannot be shared. Karaoke and other activities that require shared equipment are not allowed. Concerts are not allowed, as those would be considered a gathering. This allowance is not intended for concert, performance, or entertainment venues. Those types of establishments should remain closed until they are allowed to resume through a specific reopening order or guidance.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The guidance requires that the volume of music be reduced so that patrons can speak quietly without projecting, as projecting results in increased dispersal of aerosols, which are a documented vector for disease transmission. We encourage venues to turn down music or discontinue music, to consider unamplified music outdoors, and other individual modifications to reduce the overall noise level.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

If a business has questions about what is and is not allowed, contact public.health@co.nevada.ca.us. Please do not submit proposals for activities that are not permitted, as those proposals will not be approved. To lodge a complaint about a business not in compliance, please use this website: http://iframe.publicstuff.com/#?client_id=1000081.