

**WAYNE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**OUTDOOR
DINING AND
RETAIL FOR
SMALL
BUSINESSES**

A proposal for municipal partners





"... the data shows that it's safer than indoor seating (to be outside), and we should take full advantage of Spring-time weather - and that is what we are hoping to do here."

- Gov. Gretchen Whitmer
May 18 Covid Update



Goal: To provide food establishments and small retailers with opportunities for safe return-to-work environments for them, their employees, and their customers



For small businesses, survival may hinge on closing streets



By [Matt McFarland](#), CNN Business

Updated 2:41 PM ET, Mon May 18, 2020



Communities around the world are opting for the use of public streets and parking lots to enable small businesses to operate safely.

COMPLETE STREETS & COVID19



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Source: completestreets

Alderman Martin is putting out feelers about doing open streets interventions in Lincoln Square

By John Greenfield | May 18, 2020 | 5 COMMENTS



Ventura OKs proposal to let stores, restaurants expand into street for social distancing



Photos: On a Saturday night, downtown Ventura is a ghost town

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Downtown Ventura, normally filled with people on weekend nights, was quiet Saturday, April 4, 2020.

FIRST MERCHANTS WAS BUILT FOR



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LONG BEACH

Long Beach Has 'Open Street' Plan for Restaurants to Welcome Back Diners

By **Hetty Chang** • Published May 18, 2020 • Updated on May 19, 2020 at 5:19 am



CORONAVIRUS GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

New York City's open streets policy could be permanent fixture, experts say

The city aims to open 100 miles of city streets during the pandemic.

By **Ella Torres**

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OPTIONS FOR WAYNE
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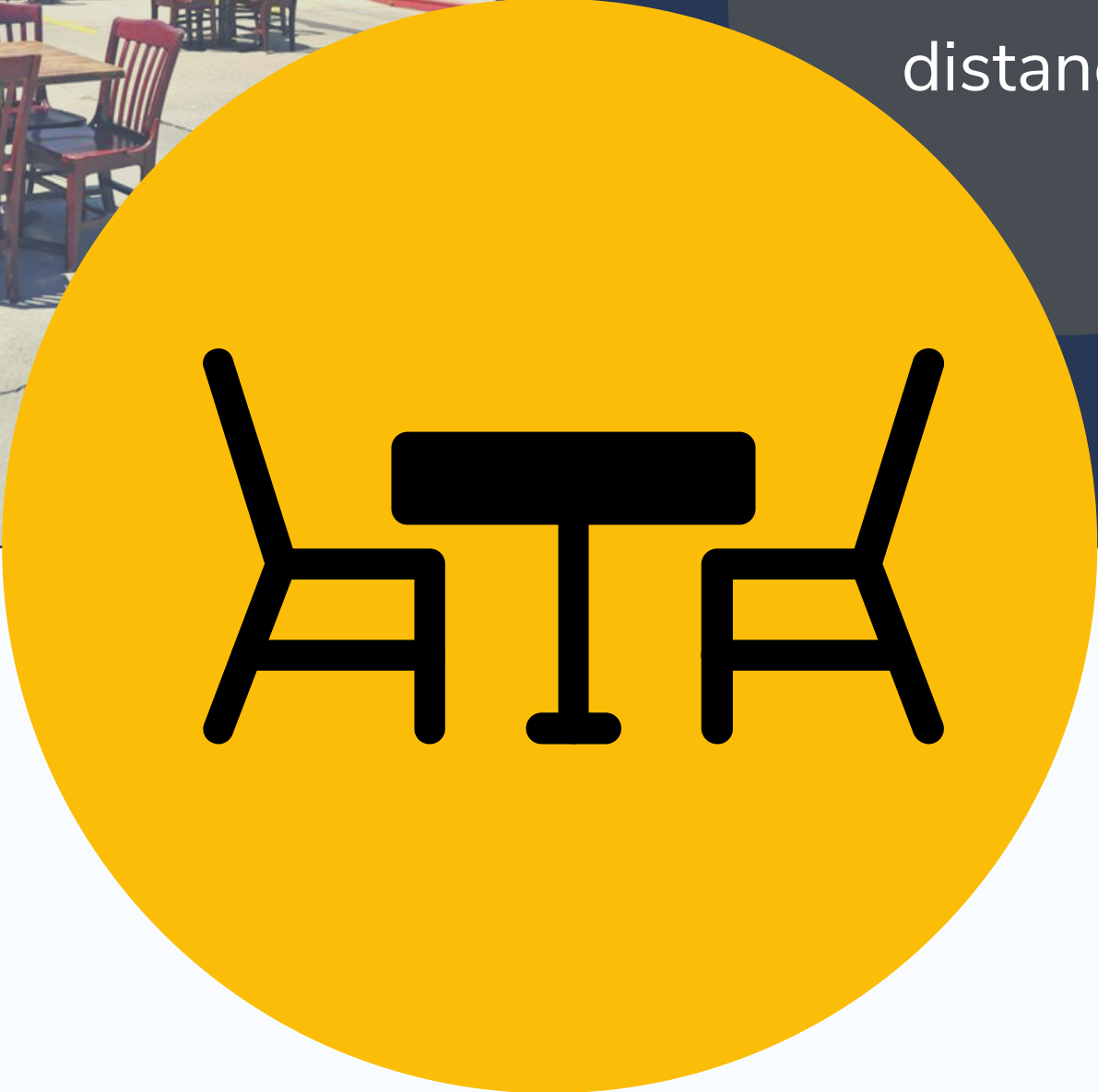
- I. Parking Lots**
- II. Public Parking Spaces**
- III. Full Open Streets**

USE OF PARKING LOTS



optimal
social
distancing

Parking lots along designated business corridors are closed to motor vehicles and used as restaurant dining space.



USE OF PUBLIC PARKING SPACES



Businesses use the on-street parking spaces in front of their building, extending their operating space. Speed limit temporarily reduced for motor vehicles.



FULL OPEN STREETS



sense of community



Street is completely closed off to motor traffic, allowing businesses to extend their operations onto the street in front of their establishment.

IMPLEMENTATION BASED ON CORRIDOR TYPE



FULL OPEN STREETS

Dense small business corridors along traditional Main Streets or smaller roads. Recommending full closure of street to traffic.
(Example: Downtown Northville)



USE OF PUBLIC PARKING

Medium density business corridors with larger and busier roads where full road closure could be a challenge. Recommending temporary speed reductions for traffic.
(Example: Michigan Ave)



USE OF PARKING LOTS

Low density business corridors with businesses that are set back further onto the property.
(Example: Canton Center Rd)

RECOMMENDATIONS

3-TIERED APPROACH

Municipal partners identify 3 tiers of potential program implementations by business density, size, and types of roads. Parking lot patio permitting is highly encouraged as a general standard for all businesses.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OF SMALL BUSINESSES

Wayne County team recommends implementation of survey to gauge interest of small businesses in participating in an outdoor seating program as outlined.

ESTABLISH SIMPLIFIED PROCESS FOR PARTICIPATION

Case studies from across the country set precedent for simplified permitting processes and guidelines, as well as temporary policies enacted by municipalities.

EVALUATING RESTRICTIONS

I. Zoning regulations

II. Permit approval timelines

III. Patio permit process

IV. Impact of businesses in surrounding area

HOW DO WE DO IT?



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Brookhaven establishes guidelines & temp permits for restaurants

Mayor's executive order allows alfresco experience effective immediately

Brookhaven, GA, April 27, 2020 – Brookhaven Mayor John Ernst signed an executive order which establishes guidelines and best practices for the restaurant industry to comply with the governor's executive order, which allows these establishments to begin to resume operations today, April 27. In an effort to assist restaurants with responsible social distancing compliance, the order includes an innovative Temporary Outdoor Restaurant Operations Permit which allows the use of tents and parking lot areas for seating, where they might not otherwise be permitted by City code.

NEXT STEPS

- I. Confirm suitability and interest
- II. Determine which program is best
for each community and neighborhood
- III. Enact policies to allow for al-fresco dining

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