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## From the Mayor's Office

**Indoor Dining Open with Restrictions** 

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Dear Plainfield Residents,

Governor Murphy has issued an Executive Order allowing for the resumption of indoor dining, effective September 4<sup>th</sup>. This is not a full scale re-opening, there are guidelines that must be followed to protect the health and safety of restaurant patrons, i.e.:

- Only 25% of seating capacity allowed inside
- Patrons are required to wear masks unless they are eating, under the age of 12, or have a health issue
- Staff members are required to wear masks
- Tables are to be spaced at least 6 feet apart
- Guests can only place orders while seated at a table
- Staff can only bring food and beverages to tables
- Patrons are barred from walking around while eating
- Seating is limited to a maximum of 8 customers per table unless from an immediate family or the same household
- Restaurants that provide food service at their bars may allow patrons to dine at the bar provided that all diners are kept at proper social distance. Any group seated together at the bar is capped at four individuals
- Customers are required to provide a phone number to facilitate contact tracing
- Windows must be opened to ensure a proper flow of fresh air into the dining areas
- Air conditioner units must be operated to allow for the maximum amount of outdoor air to be introduced to the dining area

You can read more specifics of the Governor's Order by clicking <u>HERE</u>, or going to <u>www.nj.gov</u>

If you have questions pertaining to the new indoor dining guidelines, please contact the Plainfield Health Division at (908) 753-3084

It has been a long road back to this point and I thank you for your patience and diligence as we work to keep everyone safe. I ask that you remain vigilant and exercise the utmost care even as we cautiously re-open. All patrons adhere to all the guidelines as stated in the Executive Order.

I have no doubt that this will pass and we will soon be able to get back to full capacity – but until then your continued co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, and I look forward seeing our fine restaurants serving our residents once again

Creating One Plainfield, One Future Sincerely,

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Adrian O. Mapp, Mayor