



City of
Los Banos
At the Crossroads of California

July 2, 2020

On Wednesday, July 1, 2020, Governor Newsom announced that Merced County was one of nineteen counties in California ordered to close indoor dining services and other business sectors due to a spike in Coronavirus cases. In addition to restaurants, wineries/tasting rooms, movie theaters, zoos and museums, cardrooms, and family entertainment centers must also close their *indoor* operations effective immediately; bars must keep **all** of their operations closed.

But there is some good news for our local restaurants! On June 17, 2020, the Los Banos City Council adopted a resolution allowing temporary outdoor dining in private parking lots and the use of City rights-of-way to expand restaurant seating capacity. Use of this permit will allow local restaurants to continue services by way of outdoor dining.

More information on the requirements of and how to obtain the Temporary Outdoor Dining Permit can be found here: <http://www.losbanos.org/temporary-outdoor-dining-permit/> or by contacting Stacy Souza Elms, Community & Economic Development Director, at 827-2433