What is L.A. Al Fresco?
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Is it free to apply and participate?
There is no fee to apply or participate. Required traffic safety equipment for on-street dining will be provided for free while supplies last. Installation charges may apply.

How do I apply?
Apply online at coronavirus.lacity.gov/laalfresco.

Who do I contact with questions?
For application assistance or additional questions, please email al fresco@lacity.org. One-on-one application support is available. For general questions call 311. Find more information and FAQs here: coronavirus.lacity.gov/laalfresco

Where can I find more information about how to operate safely?
Find information on guidelines and protocols here and here.
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**Curbside Dining** is defined as setting up your own tables and chairs for dining in the street using two parking spaces immediately adjacent to your business.

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**Requirements:**
- Restaurant, bar must be licensed in the City of Los Angeles and have a Business Tax Registration Certificate (see how to register [here](#)).
- For restaurants, bars with existing alcohol permits, alcoholic beverages may only be served in the public right-of-way with the approval from the Department of City Planning and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC).
  - You must obtain a COVID-19 Temporary Catering Authorization from the ABC. More information can be found [here](#).
- You must have a $500,000 minimum Liability Insurance policy, $500,000 Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability policy, and $500,000 Liquor Liability Insurance.
- Business Owner agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the City of Los Angeles harmless for any loss or liability, including but not limited to, damage or injury related to the encroachments of this temporary authorization.

**Participating businesses are responsible for the following:**
- Maintaining outdoor dining area in a clean and orderly manner.
- Maintaining traffic control equipment as installed by LADOT.
- Providing own tables, chairs, and other furnishings.
- Adhering to state and local Public Health guidelines.

**How to apply:**
The application is available online in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#).
- Application will take approximately 20 minutes.
- Application subject to approval by LADOT; review process is approximately 5 days.
- Please note, this is not a permit but a temporary authorization.
- If you are interested in applying with at least 2 other restaurants, bars on your block in order to use more than 2 on-street parking spaces, please visit the Dining in the Street guide.

**Site specifications:**

**Requirements**
- Two on-street parking spaces or approximately 40 feet of curbside space adjacent to the restaurant, bar.
- Parking spaces must be located on a street with a speed limit of 30mph or less.
- Can only be installed on streets with two travel lanes or less in each direction.
- Sidewalk must be wide enough to provide a 6’ clearance for pedestrian and ADA access.

**Restrictions**
- Cannot be installed in a travel lane, an anti-gridlock zone or a no stopping zone.
- Cannot interfere with the visibility of a crosswalk, driveway, or other traffic control devices.
- Cannot interfere with bus operations, building entrances, utilities, and ADA parking (**Blue ADA parking curbs are not eligible for curbside dining**).
- Cannot interfere with an existing farmer’s market unless there is written permission from the farmer’s market.
- Cannot be installed in an electric vehicle charging space.
- Cannot be installed within 15’ of a fire hydrant.
- Cannot be installed on top of or covering storm grates or utility covers.