What is L.A. Al Fresco?
L.A. Al Fresco is a temporary emergency response program to the COVID-19 pandemic that streamlines review and allows for outdoor dining on sidewalks, parking lots, and streets. The program aims to help local restaurants, bars remain in business and in compliance with public health requirements by increasing the space restaurants, bars have for outdoor dining.

Is it free to apply and participate?
There is no fee to apply or participate.

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 alfresco@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.
Sidewalk Dining is defined as setting up your own tables and chairs for dining on the sidewalk immediately adjacent to your business while preserving 6’ of space for pedestrians.

Requirements:
• Restaurant, bar must be licensed in the City of Los Angeles and have a Business Tax Registration Certificate (see how to register here).
• Sidewalk must be wide enough to provide a 6’ clearance for pedestrian and ADA access.
• 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.
• Restaurant, bar must have a $300,000 minimum Liability Insurance policy.
• Business Owner must agree 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 sidewalk dining area in a clean and orderly manner.
• Providing own tables, chairs, and other furnishings.
• Adhering to state and local Public Health guidelines.
• Adhering to the Sidewalk Dining Program Rules and Guidelines found here.

How to apply:
The application is available online in English and in Spanish.
• The application is simple and takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.
• Upon application, eligible applicants will immediately receive approval.
• Please note, this is not a permit but a temporary authorization.

Is there additional assistance for restaurants, bars offering takeout?
Yes! LADOT offers “Temporary Food Pickup Zone” parking that establishes a 10 minute loading zone in front of your business. Apply at: ladot.lacity.org/coronavirus/apply-temporary-food-pick-parking