

Mobile Food Vendors – Guidance During COVID-19

Operators are required to contact Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health prior to opening for the season to ensure compliance with [Ontario Food Premise Regulation 493](#). Your unit must be adequately equipped and food handlers must follow safe food handling practices. You are responsible for also contacting any city, municipality and/or township you intend to operate your business to inquire on any business license requirements and/or restrictions.

COVID-19

On April 3, 2020, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced extended business closures to stop the spread of COVID-19. The updated list of [essential workplaces](#) permits take-out food services to remain open, however there are additional conditions mobile food premises must put in place in order to protect the health and safety of employees and customers.

- On March 28, 2020 the [Ontario Government announced](#) gatherings of more than 5 people are prohibited under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. Please help to ensure the number of people within or around your food truck does not exceed 5 employees or customers.
- Employees and customers must maintain proper [social distancing](#) by staying at least 2 metres (6 feet), away from one another. Pylons can be used to help maintain this distance.
- Debit/Credit card sales or E-transfers are recommended to avoid handling cash.
- Customer self-serve condiment stations are not permitted. As an alternative, single-use packets (ketchup, mustard, relish) can be given to customers.
- Only single-service articles shall be used to serve food.
- It is recommended that handwashing facilities and/or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer be provided for customer use.
- Owner/Operators must not work when they are ill or have travelled outside of the country in the past 14 days.

If you have any questions, contact a Public Health Inspector at WDGPH at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4753.