

*American Beech
Greenport*

*Bayside Clam Bar
& Grill*

*Bracco's Clam &
Oyster Bar*

*Bohlsen Restaurant
Group*

*Claudio's
Greenport*

*Coral House on
Milburn Lake*

*Crest Hospitality
Group*

*Danfords Hotel &
Marina*

*Del Vino
Vineyards*

Dover Group

Drift 82

Dublin Deck

*Fatfish on the
Water*

*Gosman's Dock
Restaurant*

*Greenport Brewing
Company*

*H2O Seafood &
Sushi*

*Harbor Club at
Prime*

Harbor Crab Co.

*Harbor Head
Brewing Co.*

*Hudsons on the
mile*

*The Inlet Seafood
Restaurant & Bar*



Nassau & Suffolk County Outdoor Dining Coalition

May 15, 2020

The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Governor of New York State
New York State Capital Building
Albany, NY 12224

Request to Open Outdoor Dining in New York on May 25, 2020

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We, the undersigned Hospitality Professionals of Nassau & Suffolk Counties, on behalf of over 5,500 employees and ourselves as owners, are confident that with the proper sanitary and safety protocols in place that we can operate outdoor dining safely. Many of our establishments are seasonal businesses. We only have the space of a short spring and summer to earn revenues to support our operations throughout the year. Without the ability to earn from May to September, many of us face the very real prospect of permanent closure.

We are distinct from many of our colleagues who are constrained to offer only indoor dining. We have bound ourselves together in this coalition under that especially important distinction. We are asking for your acknowledgment of the physical and operational differences which we believe should lead to a determination that we can open for business, under the attached stringent operational guidelines, in concert with similar businesses across the Long Island Sound in Connecticut.

Jetty Bar & Grill

JT's on the Bay

LaCasa Cafe

*Lessing's
Hospitality Group*

*Little Creek Oyster
Company*

*Maliblu Oyster
Bar*

The Milleridge Inn

Millpond

Nicky's on the Bay

Nicks on the Beach

*Overlook Beach
Club*

Peters Clam House

Prime

*Port Waterfront
Bar & Grill*

*Rachel's Waterside
Grill*

*Restoration
Kitchen &
Cocktails*

Rockin Fish

*Salt Shack Seaside
Grill*

*Salt Waterside Bar
and Grill*

Shipwreck Diner

Surf Shack

*Teller's American
Chophouse*

Sandbar

*The Sands on Lido
Beach*

First, we share the same concerns that you have expressed to the people of New York and the nation about promotion of public health and the protection of employees and patrons alike. That is and will be our defining guidance through this horrible event.

We believe that people WILL patronize our establishments if we are permitted to open. We make this point because we do not believe it would hold true for indoor-only restaurants or other venues like movie theaters at this time. If an Executive Order permitted such activity on Long Island, we think it is a safe bet that people would lack the confidence in ANY safety measures undertaken and simply would not come. Because our business is conducted in the open air and primarily in the light of day, people will respond, and we are confident that we can serve them safely.

Our number one goal is to prevent ANY communication of this disease on our premises. Our food and beverage professionals are trained, certified and familiar with current DOH regulations and requirements. We will simply add to the list of what they already know and practice, the procedures and protocols attached to this letter. With these measures in place, (we have studied and adopted measures suggested by CDC, FDA, National Restaurant Association and have taken local inputs from our members) we are confident that we can safely control our outdoor environments, offer our customers a pleasant alternative to the current rigors of life; and generate income for our employees and tax revenue for our local and state governments. It is our plan to save our businesses with the very strictest attention focused on the health and safety of our customers and our employees.

We are grateful for the tireless work of you and all our elected and appointed officials and thank you for your leadership during these unprecedented times. Please give us this urgently needed opportunity to continue to serve our friends and neighbors. We will not fail any of you.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Title]

cc:

Hon. Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Executive

Hon. Laura Curran, Nassau County Executive

Kevin Law, Director, Long Island Association

John Durso, Long Island Federation of Labor AFL-CIO

Eric Gertler, President & CEO, Empire State Development Corporation

Tracey Edwards, Long Island NAACP

*The Turn at Port
Jefferson Country
Club*

Waters Edge

*Waterview
Port Jefferson*

*Wave
Seafood/Steak*

The Whales Tale

*View Lessings
Oakdale*

*Tom Kehoe CEO
Kingsbridge
Strategies, INC*

