

Parklet Program during COVID-19

Updated 12/08/2020



[New Stay Home Order, effective Sunday 12.6 at 10:00PM:](#)

- Suspend all outdoor dining (takeout and delivery still OK)
- All moveable chairs and tables must be removed from the parklet and brought inside
- All high-touch or interactive features must be removed, covered, or blocked off

1. Is my parklet still public during the pandemic?

Yes. San Franciscans understand that the recovery of neighborhood businesses is a priority during this time, but we still ask parklet hosts to observe good neighbor practices and keep parklets open for everyone to enjoy while honoring the goals of the Parklet Program.

2. As a parklet host, am I allowed to use my parklet for outdoor dining during the pandemic?

[Not during the current Health Order.](#)

Once outdoor dining resumes, you will need to apply for the free [Shared Spaces Program](#) on top of your Parklet Permit. We will ask you to print out signage to post next to your “Public Parklet” signs. You must follow all [outdoor dining guidance](#) from the Department of Public Health.

For queuing for [curbside pickup](#), you must provide physical guides, such as tape on parklet platforms and furniture, or on the sidewalk to ensure that customers remain at least 6 feet apart in lines. Post signs to inform customers of food pickup protocols.

3. As a parklet host, can I apply for additional parking lane space to increase my outdoor dining area or other uses (retail, queuing, curbside pickup)?

Yes, you may be eligible for the [Shared Spaces Program](#). You will need to mention how many spaces your parklet currently occupies and provide your Parklet Permit number on your application.

4. Am I allowed to modify my parklet to accommodate more dining space?

Yes, within certain limitations. Email us at info@parklets.org and we will work with you to ensure your parklet remains compliant with accessibility requirements. Limitations:

- You can only modify elements within your parklet footprint. You can't add furniture or other items outside of your parklet, unless you apply for a [Tables and Chairs Permit](#) or the [Shared Spaces Program](#).
- Drainage: Your parklet must maintain a clear 6"x6" gutter to allow for stormwater runoff. ([Page 35, Parklet Manual](#))
- Accessibility: You must maintain an accessible entry, path of travel, wheelchair turning space, resting space, companion seating, and equivalent facilities as established on [Page 37 of the Parklet Manual](#).
- Enclosure: It's important to maintain a safe enclosure or parklet users, as well as soft-hit posts and wheel stops in good condition.

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5. Will you still be accepting parklet applications during the pandemic?

Yes, you may apply for the [Parklet Program](#), and submit a Shared Spaces at the same time, or other City programs as needed. If your goal is to quickly add dining and/or queuing space to your storefront, we recommend that you apply for the [Shared Spaces Program](#). Please keep in mind that this is a temporary program, valid until June 30, 2021, and the permit can be revoked. The parklet permit is renewed every year.

Additional resources:

- General COVID-19 information: <https://sf.gov/topics/coronavirus-covid-19>
- Request a free temporary loading zone: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWQ6EUJ3Pxu_11Y_8Rm4gi5NRLqx9L9StFpSR9CTWgskI2wA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1
- Request free signage: <https://sf.gov/get-coronavirus-posters-and-flyers>
- Reopening guidance: <https://sf.gov/curbside> and <https://sf.gov/resource/covidcurbside>
- For businesses impacted by COVID-19: <https://oewd.org/businesses-impacted-covid-19>