

Arlington's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Efforts

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Select Board Votes to Create Economic Recovery Taskforce in May.

Taskforce Recommends
Immediate Actions to the
Select Board

Taskforce Issues Consumer Survey

Implementation Work is Ongoing

Arlington's Approach

Creation Economic Recovery Taskforce

Select Board votes to create an Economic Recovery Taskforce in the First Week of May. Modeled after similar Taskforce in Salem

Goal of Developing both Short and Long Term Policy Recommendations for Consideration by the Select Board

Broad Membership including the Chamber of Commerce, Business Owners, Property Owners, Arts Community, Non-Profits, Residents and Town Departments

Immediate Focus on Issues of Parking, Signage, Vacant Storefront Bylaw, Outdoor Dining and Permitting Processes Suspension of Parking Meters During Early Phases of Reopening

Suspension of Temporary Signage Review Process

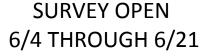
Addition of COVID-19 Waiver for Vacant Storefront Registry

Expand Outdoor Dining
Opportunities and Adoption of
Streamlined Permitting Process

Policies Adopted

Taskforce Issues Consumer Survey





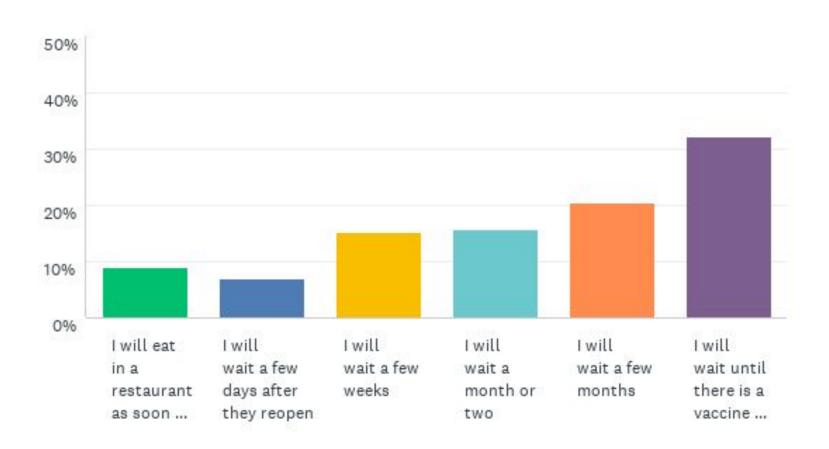


1,452 RESPONSES



TYPICAL RESPONSE TO TOWN SURVEYS: 200 TO 1,000 RESPONSES

Q1: As the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis proceeds, how long will you wait before dining inside a restaurant?



Q2: As the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis proceeds, how long will you wait before shopping for non-essential items in Arlington's businesses?





People want as many outdoor options as possible

What do people want?

People feel safer when others are wearing masks

People will be more inclined to shop/dine at places where proper safety protocols (table distancing, mask wearing) are in place

People want online, curbside, low-contact options to remain in place until COVID is no longer a threat

The Board of Health has Received 5 Applications for Expanded Outdoor Seating and 3 have been Approved.

Public Works has acquired a stock of Traffic Barriers for Creating Outdoor Seating Spaces in Parking Areas.

Parks & Recreation is Working to Allow For Profit Activity (Fitness) on Park Land as a Pilot.

Parking Meters Remain Suspended & Curbside Spaces are being Designated.

Implementation











QUESTIONS