

Taipei and New Taipei allow dining in at restaurants, night markets

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Taipei and New Taipei have relaxed their COVID-19 _____ (1) _____ to allow dining in at restaurants and night markets beginning Tuesday. There are still _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ in place to stop the spread of the virus, but customers and restaurant owners alike are _____ (4) _____ to see the change.

A waitress brings food for a customer eating in at a restaurant. That hasn't been allowed for more than two months due to COVID-19. But now restaurants, food courts, traditional markets and night markets are welcoming back dine-in customers.

One customer says she is pleased that COVID cases have gone down in Taiwan and now she can dine in. Another customer says she called ahead and came in straight from work. She says she's not worried about the virus because she's following government rules. She says she will leave right after finishing her food.

Certain restrictions still _____ (5) _____ in place though. Tables have _____ (6) _____ to keep distance between diners. Customers have to put on masks as soon as they leave their tables. You're not allowed to walk around while you eat at traditional markets and night markets. Only restaurant _____ (7) _____ can _____ (8) _____ food at all-you-can-eat buffet _____ (9) _____ in Taipei. At other restaurants, customers can only order _____ (10) _____ meal sets instead of sharing dishes. New Taipei has even _____ (11) _____ karaoke parties at restaurants.

If a customer or an _____ (12) _____ is _____ (13) _____ with COVID, restaurants have to close for three days. After they reopen, they are only allowed to _____ (14) _____ take-out for the following 11 days. New Taipei government can ban all indoor dining if COVID cases _____ (15) _____. _____ (16) _____ are especially concerned about the Delta _____ (17) _____ and _____ (18) _____ (19) _____. New Taipei is reminding restaurants that anyone who breaks COVID-19 restrictions will face a _____ (20) _____ of NT\$3,000 (US\$110) to NT\$15,000 (US\$540).

cluster	employee	individual	thrilled	offer
strict	infections	restrictions	venues	remain
fine	serve	variant	staff	rise
Authorities	measures	banned	confirmed	partitions

Reading Comprehension

1. What can't the customers do even after the dine-in restriction is loosen up?
 - A. They can't walk into the restaurant.
 - B. They can't eat in the night market.
 - C. They can't wear their masks while eating.
 - D. They can't get their own food at all-you-can-eat buffet venues.

2. According to the report, how do the restaurants keep distance between diners?
 - A. They separate tables.
 - B. They control the amount of food.
 - C. They place partitions on the table.
 - D. They put food in small dishes.

3. What will happen if a customer or an employee is a confirm case?
 - A. Restaurants have to close for eleven days.
 - B. Restaurants have to close for three days.
 - C. All staff have to be quarantined.
 - D. All customers have to be tested with PCR.

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