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Thread: [Should Restaurant Employees Get Tested?](#)

Yin Yang - April 9, 2020, 12:21 pm

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Simplex - April 9, 2020, 12:25 pm

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(Apr 9, 2020 12:23 PM)???????????Michael Kors Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Anyone who goes out on a constant basis should be. What do you mean by going out?

9756502033875746737731550 - April 9, 2020, 12:26 pm

I feel like anyone who has symptoms should quarantine as of right now. We don't need the spread! COVID-19 sucks tbh! We will get through it though.

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itcorp - April 9, 2020, 12:36 pm

I'm in the restaurant business, off course, it is advisable to test all workers to the temperature, provide them protective masks which change every 2 hours and gloves but it is also advisable to try to adapt business to the current situation. Try to force the garden during a nice period if you own it, a distance of at least one meter up to 2 if possible and you try to make the distance between shifts which you will use to disinfect your business object.

Pronouncer - April 9, 2020, 12:38 pm

Everyone should ideally get tested all in one day then lockdown everyone that tested positive

but that will never happen, vulnerable people such as workers should have to go through daily testing

lurky mclurkerson - April 9, 2020, 12:40 pm

As a laid off cook, I can tell you that the industry is not booming. The place I was working in Oregon is closed until further notice and all dine in has been suspended indefinitely statewide.

To answer your question: food safety is a top priority and if you can see the kitchen and it looks spic and span as opposed to grimy and unorganized that is a good indicator if you should eat there. With how contagious this disease is, I would recommend not eating out. Although you can't live your life in fear, maybe practice your home cooking skills!

bagri - April 9, 2020, 12:40 pm

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itcorp - April 9, 2020, 12:49 pm

To add to my the previous post ,try to attempt that the number of people per shift to be just enough to be able to do their work smoothly and therefore you will achieve a lower probability to one of your employees of being infected.I wish you all the best buddy.

Pink Floyd - April 9, 2020, 1:08 pm

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Renestey - April 9, 2020, 1:11 pm

Yes they certainly should, on a periodic basis

Mr.Nobody - April 9, 2020, 1:39 pm

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The Broker - April 9, 2020, 1:40 pm

in our area restoraunts are delivery only

Yin Yang - April 9, 2020, 1:44 pm

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(Apr 9, 2020 01:39 PM)Mr.Nobody Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Restaurant employees are essential workers.I never said they weren't... essential is a whole category of workers like medical, construction, etc.

We don't need all construction workers tested- the virus isn't being as spread as compared to restaurant employees.

SIM-4665566 - April 9, 2020, 2:03 pm

I think they definitley should have to get tested. Although I have been to scared to eat out anyways during this virus.

Scooby - April 9, 2020, 2:16 pm

If the tests were available, I'd say yes. Unfortunately, tests are still in short supply so every group that is decided to be important enough for testing means another group goes without. So should healthcare, restaurant, or civil service employees take priority? There's no good answer so long as we don't address the issue of test availability at the core.

Blogger - April 9, 2020, 2:41 pm

Absolutely not. It would be a waste of an already limited test. Just assume that they have it.

1GGov2wivb1Pb6pyS7hmkDXYE - April 9, 2020, 2:49 pm

Most restaurants are carryout only or drive thru. But it's still nice to get tested.

Hopefully, they sanitized the place like this.

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

Malthemar - April 9, 2020, 3:07 pm

If you're required to leave your home on a regular basis and interface with potentially high risk members of the public you should:

a > be paid more than usual.

b > be tested regularly.

Just my 2 cents.

Nate - April 9, 2020, 3:23 pm

Yeah, or instruct rules if any symptoms they cannot show up to work

Cooligan - April 9, 2020, 3:26 pm

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Sick - April 9, 2020, 3:33 pm

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Yeah i have nor been ordering food since i started to self isolate .. But just before i did i placed an order for a delivery of a kebab and pizza and you know when it came i kinda thought about things thinking what if the guy cooking this had the virus or the the person wrapping it up or the person who put it in his car .

So after thinking all that it put me right of my food and i threw it in the bin..

I have not placed an order in over 2 weeks and i don't intend to order anything because you just don't know ..

And to be honest i can't actually believe the amount of people i still see on social media asking if certain takeaway shops are open it's crazy ?

Boomer - April 9, 2020, 3:34 pm

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At least you have beautiful mountains to look at. Oregon is awesome

Bossk - April 9, 2020, 3:48 pm

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Advisory143 - April 9, 2020, 3:53 pm

I believe they should get tested. Just incase.

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Like I'm sure professional athletes have their personal chef and staff tested for sure.

Cyam - April 10, 2020, 5:59 am

Only once I ordered pizza from local restaurant but I had the same question as you. What if the cook is infected without realizing and he/just touches the food you'll eat and boom, you have COVID too...

Yanix - April 10, 2020, 6:02 am

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Yeah those people who are mostly outside to render services must be the first one to be tested then mass testing batch by batch in every state to make it really sure that the virus are already contained.

Exposed74 - April 10, 2020, 6:49 am

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The problem is that you can have no symptoms, and yet have it and being able to spread it. Or you can have light symptoms and not worry enough.

The only solution is simply to shut down this kind of businesses, that are not essential at all.

V?rt - April 10, 2020, 9:58 am

Even though it's somewhat of an extensive process to get tested, I think they should be tested. They're at a frontline and many people are still getting takeout. Better safe than sorry.

?ystem - April 10, 2020, 10:09 am

I do believe restaurant employees should be checked to see if they're either infected or a general carrier of this pandemic, mainly due to how they handle our food and the whole Olympic system of transferring germs from one person to another.

BiggL - April 10, 2020, 10:55 am

I mean all restaurants in my area are closed as most business are due to lockdown. but if in your area they are open I would say yes of course they should, it is imperative.

Yin Yang - April 11, 2020, 6:11 am

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jfm-8 - April 11, 2020, 6:29 am

Yes as they could be infecting hundreds maybe thousands of people without them knowing.

This is a time where all measures should be taken into consideration

4dik - April 11, 2020, 6:46 am

Yes I feel like worker who are cooking the food, handing it to delivery people, and the people delivering it all should be twsted

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About liquor it's a bit different, many people need their daily/weekly doses and you can't easily produce it at home. And the threat is limited if you are careful (you can easily sanitize bottles and stuff bought from stores, whereas you can't really sanitize food delivered (the only way of doing so is to recook it for a short time, it might kill the virus)

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Most countries are not able to test so many people. In fact most countries can't even test all of the people showing symptoms, only testing se most severe symptoms. I think the countries where they test the most their citizen is Germany and South Korea

Yanix - April 17, 2020, 4:30 pm

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Luca - April 17, 2020, 4:34 pm

It never hurts to at least check.

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Yeah in order to eliminate the contagious Covid-19 is to do mass testing for everyone especially those essential people who are always outside and giving out services to many people.

You take care guys until it's over we can't see the danger so it's a hard battle we facing.

Photograph - April 17, 2020, 5:03 pm

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Most people are asymptomatic.
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Yin Yang - April 17, 2020, 6:20 pm

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Passing the virus along when they're infected. Yes, and even they get tested negative today, they could catch it days later- which is another issue.

R A Z - April 17, 2020, 6:24 pm

Yes of course , some restaurant employees very dirty , and right now you shouldn't order eat from outside just do something on your house is better and stay safe ?

Cameron - April 17, 2020, 6:28 pm

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All essential workers should be imo. My works testing isn't extreme but anyone entering site need to get their temperature checked before being allowed through security.