FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE
There is no evidence that COVID-19 is spread by food or beverages. However, people sharing utensils and congregating around food service areas can pose a risk. A secondary area of concern is the dining area where guests enjoy their meal without a mask. Below are proposed health and safety precautions to avoid these two main service risks.

FOOD SERVICE
- Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks, and signs on walls, to ensure individuals remain at least 6 feet apart when waiting in line at buffets or bars.
- Single-use plates and service ware are preferred for all events.
- Buffets served by staff
  - Require two 6’ x 30” tables placed side by side, with 6” between, creating a 6’ x 6’ station to ensure distancing, or provide plexiglass on individual tables.
  - Include contactless pickup window or designated contactless pickup zone.

DINING AREA
- Provide defined area where people may sit unmasked to eat or drink with signage and barriers such as stanchions. Area is outside and well ventilated.
- Standard physical setup: 6 ft distance required between dining tables. Maximum number of diners per table may vary based on the type of event. If appropriate, vaccinated vs. unvaccinated diners are distinguished.
- Physical distancing is maintained while guests are unmasked and eating and/or drinking.
  - Provide Belly Bars for larger events to keep people in family pods of 3.
  - Provide signage to delineate each table for vaccinated or family groups.
  - Use signage for Designated Eating (aka Unmasked) Area
  - Event host is responsible for managing guest list and organizing guest seating and flow of traffic.
    - Social events such as Retirement, Celebration of Life, Wedding
    - Staff and Faculty events only
    - Student events

BEVERAGE BAR SERVICE
- Bars ideally are set with a protective barrier between the service staff and guests. Acceptable barriers include plexiglass or tables and/or barriers that provide at least 6 ft of distance between service staff and guests.
- To be served, guests may either order from their table or line up, physically distanced and wearing a face covering, then order their drink 6 ft from the bar, and pick up drinks at the end of the bar continuing the 6 ft distance recommendation, or pass through a plexiglass barrier.
- No communal beverage service:
  - Staff dispense drinks from larger dispenser
    - Staff use a new cup when a customer returns for a drink refill
    - Where applicable, contactless service is provided with individual bottled or canned drinks