

## **New York to extend sales tax payment deadline for NYC restaurants**

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New York is extending the sales tax payment deadline for New York City restaurants by waiving interest and penalties for sales taxes due Dec. 21.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the relief measure during a virtual briefing Friday from Albany as the city's restaurants are once again limited to carry-out and weather-permitting outdoor dining. The state is extending a commercial eviction moratorium, meaning restaurants that can't pay rent due to new restrictions cannot be tossed on the street.

**Background:** As hospitalizations have continued to rise across the city and state, Cuomo last week [shut down all indoor dining in New York City](#), which had previously been allowed at 25 percent capacity. Restaurants in other regions of the state are allowed 50 percent capacity indoors and have not been affected so far. Cuomo said the restriction was specifically necessary due to New York City's extreme density.

The state took similar action earlier this year when restaurants were similarly restricted under New York's complete economic shutdown in March.

**What's next:** There is no clear timeline for when indoor dining will resume, but industry leaders say even a short blip in business will be enough to decimate many struggling establishments. Cuomo says he is hopeful Washington will eventually send aid to restaurants in future Covid relief packages.