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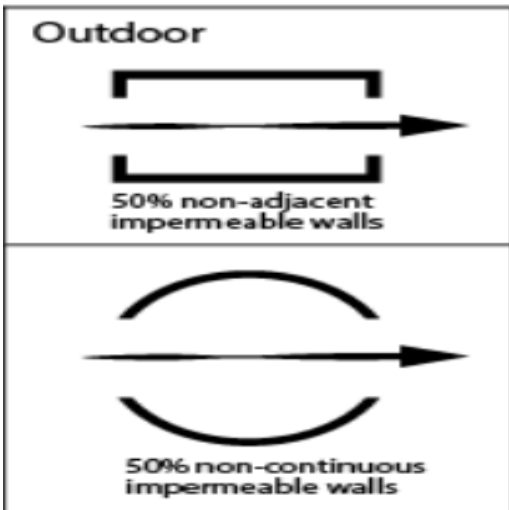
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Dear Business Representative,

As the weather is getting warmer and COVID fatigue is encouraging the community to visit their favorite restaurants for outdoor dining, Environmental Health wanted to provide you with guidance on the proper setup for your temporary tent/canopy structures. Contra Costa Environmental Health is receiving complaints about outside dining occurring in temporary structures that are fully enclosed or the setup of the walls impedes the needed airflow. Temporary structures for outside dining must be largely open despite cooler temperatures to both facilitate proper airflow and help reduce COVID-19 transmission. Please be advised that inside dining is prohibited in the Widespread/Purple Tier.

See attached “Interim Guidance for Retail Food Facilities” and the link for the California Department of Public Health “Use of Temporary Structures for Outdoor Business Operations.” The State document and the pictures below shows the proper setup of impermeable walls that would maximize air flow through the structure that can help to reduce airborne contamination. If using walls for your tent or canopy, see the illustrations below for the proper setup that allows for adequate airflow.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Use-of-Temporary-Structures-for-Outdoor-Business-Operations.aspx>



Sincerely,
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