

Convito Café & Market's Hours & Plans



**NOVEMBER 15: To our customers, supporters and friends:
We need you! And here's what we're planning....**

TENT/OUTDOOR DINING WITH SERVICE (for now):

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: Lunch Seating 11:30-1:15*pm

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday Dinner, Seating 4:45-6:45*

Friday, Saturday Dinner Seating 4:45-7:15*

Sunday Brunch Seating 11:00—1:00*, Sunday Dinner Seating 4:45-6:30*

**60-75 minute time limit at Lunch, 75-90 minute time limit at Dinner. Credit card for parties of 5 or more on weekends.*

\$20 pp cancellation fee if less than 24 hours.

*Tent/Outdoor Dining/Table Service **Closed Tuesdays all day** until further notice.*

CAFÉ MENU AVAILABLE for TAKE OUT 7 days a week during MARKET HOURS

(and you can sit in the tent with your take out if you like, just to mix it up from your days at home!)

MARKET/CURBSIDE ONLINE ORDERING HOURS

Monday through Friday 10:30am—7pm (Curbside until 7:30)

Saturday 10:30—6:30pm (Curbside until 7:30)

Sunday 11am—6pm (Curbside until 7)

As you probably know, Convito's Market continued to stay open even at the beginning of the pandemic due to our store being deemed an essential business. We made it through the hard first months thanks in part to our great customers, as well as to our wide variety of prepared foods already well established (for 40 years!) and easily ordered for pick up or delivery. We also offered a limited menu of our Café dishes cooked to order, for curbside or delivery.

Then the good weather came, and the outdoors became a wonderful place to dine out, and we welcomed all of you with open (and safe!) arms.

Now that the second wave is upon us ☹, we want to continue to provide for our community, staff and customers.

Even though indoor dining will be closed starting Wednesday, we plan to continue our business as we did in March through early June (and hopefully more!), with the **addition of our tent to dine in**, as well as our continued market and café items to go. Our tent is **permitted** to remain open, as there are many walkways/openings to the fresh air, and the walls do not fully enclose, allowing for a wealth of airflow. We also have a strong heat blower to make things cozy.

Our business model luckily is more than just a restaurant. However, that doesn't mean we aren't at risk. The Independent Restaurant Coalition estimates that 85% of the country's independent restaurants will close by 2021 because of the pandemic. **We are committed to make our food & drinks**

- easily accessible
- super fresh & high quality
- be able to be heated up at home
- OR safely eaten in our heated & beautifully lit tent, or outdoors with a patio heater for those brave enough to dress warmly and put up with the weather (bring a blanket! And we have soup and hot cocoa!)

As with every restaurant, however, we are managing our business with reduced seats, reduced sales, and less staff... and will need to adjust our menu, and tent dining hours.

A few last points:

Face Coverings over BOTH the nose/mouth and social distancing are required! These are about safeguarding our team, our business, our neighbors, and our community. Please abide by this at all times (unless seated and dining in the tent or outdoors)

We understand your frustration sometimes; we are frustrated too. Please know we are doing our best in incredibly challenging circumstances while trying to provide the hospitality and generosity we are so passionate about. There are days things don't pan out the way we'd hoped. Maybe one of our employees couldn't come in to work due to outside work circumstances, or we didn't predict the now very unusual flow of customers (it's feast or famine sometimes ☺), or we didn't get our kitchen delivery on time...whatever the case may be. We sincerely appreciate you being flexible about any mistakes that may happen. Please let us know directly, not on a review website where we don't have a chance to rectify the situation.

Longevity and success... We think we have been successful in continuing to provide wonderful, friendly service, delicious food and a great selection of wines, beers & cocktails throughout the years, especially during the pandemic. We try to accommodate everyone's needs, from making an on-the-fly snack tray for an impromptu gathering, pre-packing meals for socially distanced meetings or parties, or spending 20 minutes on many phone calls reciting every single item in our prepared food cases. We pride ourselves on this, and feel it is the right time to toot our own horn, as well as make a plea for all of you to continue to appreciate, and patronize our fabulous establishment, as the winter sets in. If we all tackle the covid adjustments together with patience, understanding, and a little camaraderie, with community front and center, then there's no reason dining out, and the food & hospitality business can't be a wonderful experience again.

Stay tuned for more updates on our menus... Thanksgiving To Go, Comfort Combo Meals, Gourmet Gifts, Quarantine Packages, Cozy Soups & Hot Cocoa, Warm Cocktails to Go and more.

Thanks for your continued support, and we sincerely hope to see all of you again soon.

Nancy and Candace

P.S. Any gratuities during this time will be especially appreciated as the new regulations will result in lost jobs & less hours for our wonderful staff.

CONVITO DETAILS

- order online at www.convitocafeandmarket.com
- call 847-251-3654 for contactless curbside pick up
- order delivery or pick up through the Toast Take Out App 
- email convitomanager@gmail.com for a tent reservation (with confirmation)

We also provide Delivery from Uber Eats, Door Dash, Grub Hub.

We have 18 sauces plus fresh pasta, frozen ravioli & tortellini!

Tomato Basil, Robust Tomato Wine, Tomato Eggplant, Sun-Dried Tomato Parmesan, Pesto, Four Cheese, Tomato Vodka, Alfredo, Arrabbiata, Tomato Bacon, Hearty Mushroom Prosciutto, Creamy Onion Sausage, Bolognese, Sausage Ragu, Mama Mia Meat, Tomato-Fontina-Chicken (Paesana), White Clam, Red Clam, Puttanesca

Plus a large array of sandwiches, soups, salads, entrees, sides, cheeses, deli meats, crackers, beverages, wine, beer, gourmet cooking needs, sweets & more.



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