



COVID-19 UPDATE

# Restaurants are still feeling an ECONOMIC IMPACT

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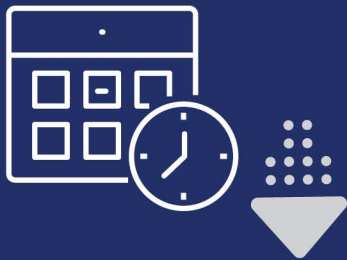
To assess the impact of the pandemic the National Restaurant Association Research Group conducted a survey of 4,000 restaurant operators Sept. 7-15, 2021.



Delta variant dampened indoor dining in

**3 out of 4** restaurants

**44%** are not yet at full capacity



**44%** of operators think it will be **12+ months** until business normalizes  
-> **19%** think it never will



**Costs are up**

**91%** paying more for food  
**63%** paying higher occupancy  
**84%** have higher labor costs



**71%**

of restaurants are understaffed



**63%**

of restaurants' Aug. 2021 sales were weaker than Aug. 2019



**75%**

of restaurants changed menu items due to supply chain issues

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