

CULINARY DISTANCING COS QUOTE SHEET

Group Member Quotes:

- When the pandemic started, I felt helpless. This group made me feel like I was doing something to help.
- I enjoy seeing people connecting and sharing positivity when everything else in the world is just so, so bleak. This reminds me that we're all in this together.
- This group reminds me that we all care about our local economy and want to help it survive. With a little bit of information we can make better decisions.
- We all need an easy place to find who we can support, as quickly as possible when things change so frequently. I think it's a great tool, especially when owners are highly engaged.
- I joined to try to support my community, but gained even more appreciation with posts about owners, particularly how to support restaurants owned by women and BIPOC.
- Seeing the struggles of local restaurant and bar owners and how many have adapted has been eye-opening and inspires me to support local as often as possible.
- When people share pictures of their food I'm far more likely to buy it. Plus, if people are posting about it, it's good enough for me to order it too.
- It's been interesting to interact with other community members - even if it started surrounding food, because it seemed to often lead elsewhere (friendship, hope, encouragement).

Business Owner Quotes:

- It can easily seem like we're being forgotten and then someone will post something about one of our restaurants and it helps you see how supportive everyone wants to be to keep us all open.
- On Culinary Distancing COS, Monse's made it a point to highlight other businesses that we knew were struggling. A lot of them weren't actively promoting themselves, I think people feel hesitant sometimes because they feel like they're begging. So it's great when other businesses highlight them instead. This became a place for conversations to promote other businesses. – Tim Hines, co-owner and husband of chef/owner Monse Hines, Monse's Taste of El Salvador
- It has helped introduce me to other business owners and feel connected with other business owners. Helps to know others are going through exactly the same challenges, and see others' successes.
- By learning so many people saw restaurants as vital businesses to support and protect, I realized we were not alone. My impulse to give back to the community and those in need was reciprocated many times over. -Eric Brenner, owner of Red Gravy
- We always share the various ways in which we have strived to meet the highest standards of every element of new mandates. The group appreciated the effort to be up to the moment in all of the changing facets of mitigation. -Eric Brenner, owner of Red Gravy
- A great outlet to not only see what people are looking for but also to see what others are doing.
- The business community feels much more connected to me than it was before.
- It has opened up different ways to serve the community that I wouldn't have thought of before.

Other Quotes:

- This being the first ever Social Return on Investment (SROI) study being done on a *pandemic* business solution, the findings are incredible. We found that above all, when community comes together around a positive, well-intended, trustworthy effort, amazing things can happen. -Stacey Burns, Colorado Institute for Social Impact Co-Founder and Chief Impact Officer.