

**Dear Rancho Fans,**

This letter may be the most important correspondence I have ever had with you, so **please indulge me and take the time to read this.**

We have all experienced and continue to experience an atmosphere and circumstances that none of us would have ever imagined to occur in our lifetime.

Everyone by now has their own philosophy and sensitivities about moving forward with their lives in the shadow of the Covid-19 virus. These are very personal feelings which will dictate your lifestyle choices for the foreseeable future. I respect whatever those may be. With that in mind, here is how Rancho Nicasio may be useful and enjoyed by those of you who are ready to venture out.

First of all, Angela and I are 74 years old. I told my son, Max, our longtime head chef and my partner in running this joint, that I could not open our gate to the public if I, myself, didn't feel it was safe. We opened "softly" last Saturday, and although there were 30mph winds all weekend, a good amount of folks showed up for their first restaurant dining experience in months. It was great to see all the big smiles and gratitude for the once simple pleasure of being free and outside among humanity. I felt it went well enough to write and spread the word. **But this will only work with your cooperation.**

Our staff has been vigilant wearing masks, frequently washing their hands, keeping the necessary places and surfaces sanitized and doing their best with social distancing while we stayed open serving To Go food to our community. *I am truly proud of all of them and admire what they have been through since mid March.*

So I need to ask the same of all of you when you come to visit. Without the same vigilance on your part, I won't feel safe. I don't want that to happen because then the party is over. *Everyone needs to be mindful of each other at all times.*

We have the good fortune of acreage, not square feet. I have set up four different dining areas. There is a patio at the entrance, a large deck on the far side of the building, an area in the pine woods that I've christened "The Lounge" and several large picnic tables on the perimeter. There is a lot of space and it all looks quite beautiful.



**The Patio**



**The Lounge**

**On the weekends and holidays**, I would like to keep our large lawn open for foot traffic so please don't bring blankets or chairs. **On weekdays** when there is less volume we will allow that. Everything, including the possibility of some cultural entertainment, will be modified as we get some more experience with all this.



**The Redwoods**



**The Deck**

**VERY IMPORTANT.....** One of my biggest concerns is children. I loved watching my son and daughter grow up and have three grandchildren. I like kids, I love dogs! Dogs are not allowed! Kids are welcome but absolutely, only, if they are seated with you at all times. Running around, playing games, or unnecessary noise will not be tolerated. Our lawn will look like a playground to them. It's your job to control your kids. Take them to the beach or on a hike first. Wear them out. But not here. This is not only unsettling to our older patrons but wrecks our social distancing efforts. *Please take this seriously.* We do not want to be "Fun Police" all summer.

**VERY IMPORTANT #2 .....** This is all new for us too, so we have no idea how many of you will want to show up. Our BBQ Concerts of course had advance tickets. So, I'm asking you, on weekend visits, to secure a table (of your choosing if possible) and a time, please let us know you are coming. For now, do this by [phone](tel:7074381111). Maximum people in one party is limited to 6. We may switch to online reservation eventually but right now I feel you may have some questions so we'll try and keep it personal for a while. Our hours are posted on our website. Again, on weekdays there are normally less visitors, but on our busier days we may ask you to limit your stay to 90 minutes. If you come out without a reservation you can expect to be seated but may have to wait outside the gate until we call or text you.



Our first holiday is **Father's Day on June 21st**. Our dear late friend Willie K was scheduled to perform. His music (*recorded*) and life will be celebrated that day. **Reserve now.**

**We will bring back brunches soon**, but for now we will be serving our full menu all day with two brunch specials offered from 11am -2pm. At 3pm on the weekends, Max will fire up the BBQ while the kitchen remains open. The 4th of July is on a Saturday this year. I'm hoping to celebrate with a three day BBQ weekend. But let us get through Father's Day so we can see how we did . I'll let you know about that and when to make future reservations.

**Our system, so far**, in a nut shell, is after you check in with our hostess with some quick information that protects everyone, first you choose a numbered table in an area you desire and then order food from a menu board at the outdoor bar. They can pour your drinks there. Your meal will be delivered to your table. If we need to tweak some of the procedures we will. But this seems user friendly right now.



*We always have looked forward to seeing ya'll,  
but more than ever right now!*

**Hasta pronto**

*Bob*



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