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## NYC RESTAURANT OPENINGS

# A Running List of New Restaurants That Opened During the Pandemic

Restaurants dishing up Peruvian-style flan, battered fish and chips, and chocolatey bubble tea have all opened their doors during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Restaurants across the city are forging ahead with reopening plans, some by **temporarily pivoting** to delivery service and others by **preemptively expanding** into al fresco dining.

For many others, though, the novel coronavirus pandemic has meant having to figure out plans for opening, without the “re.” In the three months since the state’s restaurants **closed for dine-in service**, more than a dozen restaurants have moved forward with plans to open their doors, sometimes because they had prepared a robust delivery program ahead of time, but more often because their owners saw no other choice. The newcomers include sourdough pizza joints, vegan Ethiopian restaurants, modest dumpling spots, and all-day cafes.

**Chelsea:** This 25-year-old Chelsea restaurant from owner Abraham Merchant **has reopened** at a new location nearby. The new **Merchants NY** is fitted with outdoor seating — along with an indoor dining room that he hopes to be able to open in July — though the restaurant’s fried chicken sandwich, beer battered fish and chips, and grilled cauliflower steak are also available for takeout.  
*190 Seventh Avenue, at 21st Street*