

Food establishments to sell convenience items

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New Mexicans will start seeing new items for sale at their local prepared food outlets. Things like toilet paper and hand sanitizer.

By selling convenience items, restaurants and food establishments in New Mexico are helping citizens maintain social distancing and reducing strain on grocery stores during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Many restaurants are offering grocery items for purchase alongside take-out and delivery items. The New Mexico Environment Department's Food Program concurs that selling such items is in compliance with state and federal restaurant regulations.

"Social distancing is the best weapon we have in fighting the spread of COVID-19. By getting not only meals, but also necessary items like toilet paper and hand sanitizer using pick-up and delivery options, New Mexicans can slow the spread of COVID-19," New Mexico Environment Department Cabinet Secretary James Kenney said. "Our Food Program will continue to ensure that restaurants are operating in a safe and sanitary way with state public health orders."

