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Ask Congress to Replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund

The National Restaurant Association on August 25 sent a [letter](#) to Congressional leaders outlining the findings of a new consumer [survey](#) that displays concerning trends in dining habits in view of the rise of the delta variant. The letter, which was also signed by MRA and other state restaurant associations, emphasizes the continuing vulnerability of the restaurant industry in the wake of the pandemic.

According to the survey:

- 6 in 10 adults have changed their restaurant use due to the rise in the delta variant.
- 19% of adults have stopped going out to restaurants.
- 9% have cancelled existing plans to go out to a restaurant in recent weeks.
- 37% have ordered takeout or delivery instead of going out to a restaurant.
- 19% have chosen to sit outside instead of inside when going out to a restaurant.

The letter outlines the threats that many restaurants have experienced in recent months and urges leadership to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF), providing the 177,300 pending applicants with critical funding as they struggle to overcome the effects of the pandemic.

At the state level, only 32.6% of the 3,684 RRF applications from Missouri restaurants received a grant, leaving 2,484 Missouri restaurants without assistance. [TAKE ACTION](#) now to encourage Congress to replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund.

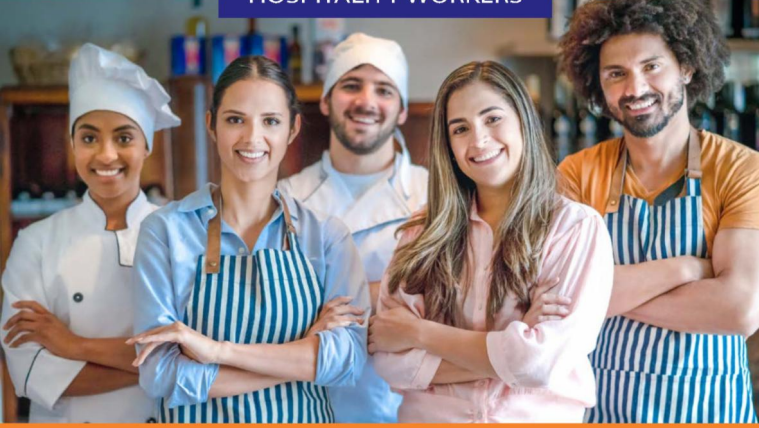
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