



COFFEE IN THE TIME OF COVID. ALL IS NOT LOST.

Ways to Increase Safety During CoronaVirus While Still Supporting Coffee Shops We Love.

While we know that things have calmed down a bit and that some people might even have forgotten about everything, we know that the CoronaVirus should still be taken seriously and that businesses are still being affected by it!

The coffee shop industry is quite a supportive one. We chat with each other, share ideas and inputs and really motivated one another this year while things were really tough!

And even now, after everything has "calmed down a bit", coffee shops are still struggling, BUT also we still need to be aware and stay safe.

So, we thought why not share ways that you can stay safe, but still support those local coffee shops!

I mean- It's a win-win!

1. Buy coffee online.

Even before 2020 a lot of coffee shops were online, but now, most are! You can either order through an app, Mr Deliver or phoning the store. This is such a great way to continue supporting coffee shops you love. This is some of the best ways to avoid contact.

2. Walk to a local shop versus taking public transportation.

So, I know some of you might have your own transport, and that's great. But not all of us do, but taking public transportation can get quite crowded. So, why not see if there is a local coffee shop walking distance from you. This minimizes the people you get in contact with and you get in some exercise! We all know that a great way to fight off those pesky germs is to regularly exercise!

3. Leave your own mugs etc at home.

I know that we are all super focused on saving the environment or even maybe receiving some discount when bringing your own mug, but for now, single-use cups are safer than ever right now. The nature of how the Coronavirus can spread made that many coffee shops are implementing policies of to-go cups with choices for lids and condiments of sugar and milk being aided by baristas behind the bar. While this might be an inconvenience, consider it a necessary one for the safety of ourselves and our community which must take sanitation into their immediate and daily hands to combat the spread of this virus.

4. Use contactless payment options.

I don't think this will be a problem, as most of us don't really walk around with cash anymore and we mainly use our cards to pay, but this is for those who walk around with a loose R10. Cash is not welcome currently, because of how many germs cash can carry. The lifespan of various bills ranges from four to 15 years, meaning your bills have a lot of time to accumulate germs.

Quite gross hey!

So, even though things are slowly getting back to normal, we want to ensure that they stay normal. Let's all work together to ensure our safety!

Lots of love!

The XPRESSO team.