



July 24, 2020

Baltimore, MD – We learned last night that a staff member at VNO has tested positive for Covid-19. While this person has only worked a few hours in the past two weeks, out of an abundance of caution, we will be closing today, Friday July 24th until Thursday, July 30th. This will allow us the time for our staff, who have not already tested negative, to get tested and to have our cleaning contractor perform a CDC approved deep sanitizing of our entire facility.

At VNO, we take the health and safety of our guests and our family of staff members very seriously. Since reopening we have been vigilant in maintaining safety including:

- Outdoor dining only, no customers are allowed indoors except when using the bathroom with a mask on at all times,
- Professional sanitizing and cleaning of the bathroom daily and the restaurant interior weekly,
- **Sanitizing all surfaces in the bathroom after every use,**
- **All tables and chairs are sanitized between guests,**
- All staff, when reporting to work, have their temperature taken and documented,
- Our staff is to wear masks at all times when inside VNO or when at a table speaking to guests,
- We recently added a policy asking our guests to wear masks when our staff members are at their table,
- Tables on our patio have been socially distanced in line with City and State guidelines.

VNO will reopen, under the supervision of its owners, next Friday with staff that we are sure do not have Covid-19. We thank the Fells Point community for your support during this crisis and in ensuring the survival of small, family-owned, local business like VNO.