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Number of Vendors Doubled for BIG E FOOD-TO-GO DRIVE THRU! sponsored by *Westfield Bank*

The Big E Food-To-Go Drive Thru, sponsored by *Westfield Bank*, has expanded to include six vendors presenting popular Fair foods, Tuesdays-Sundays, now through Oct. 18. Hours for the drive thru are: **Tues. to Thurs., 11am to 7pm; Fri., 10am to 8pm; Sat., 9am to 7pm; and Sun., 9am to 5pm. Tickets are currently on sale for Sept. 29-Oct. 4** at <u>www.TheBigE.com</u>.

There is a \$5 per vehicle entry fee and reservations for a specific time slot are taken online in advance. Guests may secure as many time slots as they wish per week at \$5 per vehicle reservation. The time slot process reduces traffic and provides shorter wait times for guests. A special offer to purchase discounted tickets to the 2021 Big E is available at check-out. Drive-up customers are welcome on a firstcome, first-served basis when there is space available. Guests enter through Gate 9 and follow the directions of the parking staff to ensure a smooth trip through the ordering and pick-up process.

Tickets are now on sale for this week and the featured food vendors are:

Angela's Pizza

- Giant Mozzarella Sticks \$7
- Large Pizza with Toppings \$25
- Pizza Slice \$5

Big Kahuna

- Gyro Bowls \$12
- Greek Gyros \$10
- Chicken Gyros/Bowls \$12
- Veggie Gyro \$8
- French Gyro \$11

Butcher Boys

- Steak Sandwich \$11
- Italian Sausage Grinder \$11
- Fried Pickle Slices \$7



Calabrese Market & Grill

- Cotton Candy \$6
- Caramel Apples \$5
- Candy Apple \$4
- Popcorn \$5
- Kettle Corn Small, \$5; Medium, \$7; Large, \$10; Extra Large, \$15
- Kosher Dill or Half Sour Pickle \$2.50
- Bucket of Seven Pickles \$17

Cinnamon Saloon

- Hot Cinnamon Buns \$6 each or 4-pack for \$18
- Fruit Smoothies Small \$6 (16oz.); Large \$8 (24oz.)
- Chocolate Covered Bananas \$5
- Chocolate Covered Cheesecake \$7
- Hot Coffee \$3, Ice Coffee \$4 or Lattes for \$5
- Hot/Cold Cider \$4
- Hot Chocolate \$4

Piche's Concessions

- Beignets, Funnel Cake, Fried Dough, Fried Oreos, Fried Reeses or Fried Snickers \$8 each
- Toppings: Strawberry, Chocolate and Caramel \$2

In addition to menu items mentioned above, many vendors will also offer soda, water and some additional sides. All vendors will accept cash or credit card payment.

Visit TheBigE.com and follow us on social for announcements of the vendors for upcoming weeks.

The Big E Bakery will be open all hours of the Drive Thru. Enter Gate 1 at no charge for Big E Cream Puffs and Eclairs or visit after the Drive Thru by following signs to the New England Center. Pre-order online at www.TheBigE.com and use the Express Lane.

The safety of our patrons is of the utmost importance and local and state COVID-19 guidelines are being strictly enforced for visitors, employees and vendors while on the grounds. Guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles at all times and wear face masks or coverings when ordering and accepting food. Once food purchases are complete, guests will be directed to exit the grounds via the Transportation Center to Gate 1 and onto Memorial Avenue. Please note—restrooms will not be open. There will be limited public portable toilets available.

A maximum of fifty cars per hour within two-hour time slots will be admitted each day. All time slot selections are final and are as follows:

- Tuesday to Thursday: 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3pm; 3pm to 5pm; 5pm to 7pm
- Fridays: 10am to noon; noon to 2pm; 2 to 4pm; 4 to 6pm; and 6 to 8pm.
- Saturdays: 9am to 11am; 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3pm; 3pm to 5pm and 5pm to 7pm.



- Sundays: 9am to 11am; 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3pm; 3pm to 5pm
- Guests may arrive any time during their time slot, but no more than 30 minutes before their reservation.

The Drive Thru is open to standard passenger vehicles only. All vehicles will follow a one-way route through the fairgrounds passing by each vendor. Pedestrians, bikes, motorcycles, busses, RVs, limousines, commercial passenger vans, oversized vehicles and trailers are not permitted.

What: Expanded BIG E FOOD-TO-GO DRIVE THRU Six Vendors
When: Tuesday thru Sunday: Sept. 29-Oct. 4; Oct. 6-11; Oct. 13-18.
Hours: Tues. to Thurs., 11am to 7pm; Fri., 10am to 8pm; Sat., 9am to 7pm.; Sun. 9am to 5pm
Reserved time slots: Tuesday to Thursday, 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3pm; 3pm to 5pm; 5pm to 7pm
Fridays: 10am to noon; noon to 2pm; 2 to 4pm; 4 to 6pm; and 6 to 8pm.
Saturdays: 9am to 11am; 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3pm; 3pm to 5pm and 5pm to 7pm.
Sundays: 9am to 11am; 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3pm and 3pm to 5pm.
Where: Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds. Enter via Gate 9.
Tickets: \$5 per vehicle, for a specific time slot, purchased in advance at www.TheBigE.com.

In addition to The Big E Food-To-Go Drive Thru, Eastern States Exposition continues its re-branded Autumn Weekends at Storrowton Village. Join us to dine, shop, sip and satisfy your sweet tooth on the grounds of The Big E. New hours just announced!

Sam Adams Bistro - Expanded seating, new entrance, no reservations needed

Open Thursdays through Sundays from 4 to 9pm for outdoor dining and live music. For full menus and more, visit <u>www.TheBigE.com</u>.

Storrowton Tavern

Open for indoor and outdoor dining and live music. Full menus and patio music lineup, visit <u>www.storrowton.com</u>.

Storrowton Village Museum & Gift Shop

Storrowton Village Museum is offering a variety of safe, socially-distanced educational programming for all ages this autumn. Tickets must be purchased in advance at *www.storrowtonvillage.com*. The Gift Shop is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10am to 4pm.

For more information on Eastern States Exposition and its events and activities, visit <u>www.TheBigE.com</u>, join our mailing list and connect with us on social media.

