

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Adrienne Walkowiak  
[Adrienne@AdrienneWalkowiak.com](mailto:Adrienne@AdrienneWalkowiak.com)  
603/659-9345

**Chicago Restaurant Chain Named to  
AllergyEats' Top 10 Most Allergy-Friendly Restaurant Chains in America List**  
*Weber Grill Ranked High for Accommodating Food-Allergic Diners*

BOSTON, MA (March 7, 2018) – Weber Grill, a small restaurant chain based in the Chicago area, has been named to the [AllergyEats](#) Top 10 Most Allergy-Friendly Restaurant Chains in America list. AllergyEats, the leading guide to allergy-friendly restaurants in the United States, has just released its 2018 list of restaurant chains that have earned top ratings on the AllergyEats app and website, per feedback from the food allergy community. The chains on this highly-anticipated annual list – including local favorite Weber Grill – are rated solely on how well they have accommodated food-allergic diners over the past year.

“We are excited to announce that four restaurant chains are new to the list this year, earning top honors for their exceptional food allergy accommodations, as determined by AllergyEats users. These new additions – Weber Grill, Bertucci’s Italian Restaurant, Longhorn Steakhouse, and 110 Grill – have shown the same outstanding commitment towards accommodating food-allergic guests as those chains that consistently make our list, such as Maggiano’s Little Italy, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Burtons Grill, and Legal Sea Foods,” said Paul Antico, Founder and CEO of [AllergyEats](#). “Weber Grill is the smallest chain to ever earn a spot on this prestigious Top 10 list, and we applaud their tremendous commitment to food allergy training and protocols.”

AllergyEats’ Top 10 Most Allergy-Friendly Restaurant Chains are grouped into two categories – large (50 or more restaurants) and small (under 50 restaurants). The list was created per crowdsourced feedback from the AllergyEats app and website through December 31, 2017. Ratings are based on a 1 through 5 scale, with 5 being the most allergy-friendly.

Most allergy-friendly large chains:

- Maggiano’s Little Italy ((4.76 rating)
- Chipotle Mexican Grill (4.45 rating)
- Bertucci’s Italian Restaurant (4.43 rating) \*\*
- Mellow Mushroom (4.37 rating)
- Longhorn Steakhouse (4.28 rating) \*\*

Most allergy-friendly small chains:

- Burtons Grill (4.83 rating)
- Flatbread Company (4.77 rating)
- Legal Sea Foods (4.58 rating)
- Weber Grill (4.52 rating) \*\*
- 110 Grill (4.43 rating) \*\*

\*\* Denotes restaurant chains that are new to the list this year.

“For the over 15 million Americans with food allergies, it’s incredibly important to know which restaurants are the best at creating allergy-friendly meals so these individuals can more comfortably dine out,” Antico added. “The restaurant chains on this 2018 list have differentiated themselves with exceptional food allergy protocols, education, and training, according to peer reviews from AllergyEats users,” added Antico. “Even better, this year’s list includes chains that offer diverse types of cuisine – from Italian and Mexican to steaks, seafood, and more.”

“One of the most important things to us at Weber Grill is that everyone with food allergies can come out and enjoy a great meal here and feel safe in the process. We’ve created an environment where we can carefully and confidently create meals for people with food allergies and celiac disease,” said Jon Crost, Vice President of Operations at Weber Grill. “We have a detailed process – we involve the chef, we do everything within our power to ensure the least likely chance for cross-contamination, we work closely with our vendors to know exactly what’s in their products – and people with food allergies know they can sit back, relax and enjoy their meal at Weber Grill.”

The AllergyEats Top 10 Most Allergy-Friendly Restaurant Chains list – and the growing number of AllergyEats ratings of all restaurants around the country – helps the food allergy community make more informed decisions about which restaurants to visit and which to avoid, based on how well or poorly they’ve accommodated other diners’ food allergies.

AllergyEats is a crowdsourced restaurant guide for the food allergy community, available as a free app on both [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#), as well as on [www.allergyeats.com](http://www.allergyeats.com). Restaurants are easily searchable by geographic location, so people can find allergy-friendly establishments anywhere in the country.

###