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## AllergyEats Announces 2019 List of Top 10 Most Allergy-Friendly Restaurant Chains in America

Regionally diverse list illustrates growing trend to better accommodate food-allergic diners nationwide

**BOSTON** – <u>AllergyEats</u> is pleased to announce its 2019 list of the Top 10 Most Allergy-Friendly Restaurant Chains in America. Derived from the restaurant reviews of foodallergic diners across the U.S. on the AllergyEats app and website (<u>www.AllergyEats.com</u>), this comprehensive list recognizes both small and large restaurant chains that have been ranked highest by food-allergic diners.

The 5 Most Allergy-Friendly Large Chains (at least 50 locations):

- 1) Maggiano's Little Italy (4.68)
- 2) Chipotle Mexican Grill (4.42)
- 3) Longhorn Steakhouse (4.42)
- 4) In-N-Out Burger (4.39)
- 5) Bertucci's Italian Restaurant (4.37)

The 5 Most Allergy-Friendly Small Chains (fewer than 50 locations):

- 1) Burtons Grill (4.85)
- 2) Flatbread Company (4.83)
- 3) Clyde's Restaurant Group (4.78)
- 4) 110 Grill (4.74)
- 5) Weber Grill (4.71)

"AllergyEats congratulates the restaurant chains on this list for having earned the highest allergy-friendliness ratings based on feedback directly from the food allergy community," Paul Antico, Founder and CEO of AllergyEats said. "We appreciate these chains recognizing the importance of accommodating food-allergic diners and for their dedication to supporting the food allergy community. We hope all restaurants will strive to emulate the excellent work of the chains on this list with respect to providing appropriate food-allergic diner accommodations."

These rankings are based on the compilation and averaging of all individual restaurant reviews by AllergyEats users into chain-specific allergy-friendliness dining out scores. The scoring is based on a 5-point scale, with Burtons Grill garnering the overall best ranking for the third year in a row. This year's list marks the seventh consecutive year AllergyEats has released its list with Chipotle Mexican Grill, Burtons Grill, and Maggiano's Little Italy earning and retaining a spot each year since the list's inception. These perennial winners, each offering a different cuisine type, are positive examples of the increased and diverse options available for food-allergic diners. In-N-Out Burger returns to the list this year and is the only fast food restaurant to ever make an AllergyEats Top 10 Chains list.

Clyde's Restaurant Group made the list for the first time in 2019 and thanked both AllergyEats and the food-allergy community for the recognition. "We are honored to be recognized by AllergyEats and the food allergy community for our commitment to customers with food allergies and other special dietary needs," Tom Meyer, President of Clyde's Restaurant Group said. "For decades, Clyde's has placed an emphasis on providing diners with farm-to-table food from scratch, allowing our chef-run kitchens to customize meals and cater to our guests' needs. Thank you for this recognition." Clyde's Restaurant Group includes Clyde's, The Tombs, 1780 Restaurant & Bar, The Hamilton, Old Ebbitt Grill, and The Soundry.

## About AllergyEats

AllergyEats (<u>www.AllergyEats.com</u>) is the leading restaurant guide for the food allergy community, available as a free app on both iTunes and Google Play, as well as on <u>www.AllergyEats.com</u>. Food-allergic diners can search for allergy-friendly restaurants across the U.S., based on desired location, and are encouraged to share their own reviews of any restaurant in America where they've dined. AllergyEats lists more than 850,000 restaurants nationwide and also offers user comments, web links, menus, directions and more. The app and website, along with AllergyEats' award-winning blog, annual "Top Ten" listings, and related social media forums, help families with food allergies reduce the guesswork and the anxiety surrounding dining out with food allergies, whether they are near home or traveling. For more information, please visit <u>www.AllergyEats.com</u>.

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