

# Petros Taverna is giving back to front-line workers

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Ted Dranias has always been a community-minded businessman. The owner of Petros Taverna has been busy getting his Westmount (4785 Sherbrooke Street West) and Mile End (234 Laurier Street West) locations up and running for take-out and delivery during this COVID-19 pandemic. This week their dining rooms open as well, following the strict measures enacted by the Quebec government. His Griffintown (1613 William Street) spot reopens soon, while a new place in Little Italy might not be far behind.

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Petros Taverna has a strong and loyal clientele. Dranias and his partner on Laurier Avenue, Peri Kalivrousis, have devoted a lot of time and energy in recent months to donating meals to front-line workers.

It was in May 2015 that Dranias opened his first Petros on Notre Dame Street in Griffintown. The name was a tribute to his late father (named Petros), who always wanted to have a Greek restaurant of his own. In December 2016, a second Petros was established in Westmount, followed in April 2019 by Petros Laurier. The Griffintown restaurant relocated to William Street last fall.



Preparing an order with all of the necessary safety gear at Ryú.

Specializing in Greek Mediterranean Cuisine, Petros Taverna is offering a variety of home-style menu choices. My family and I have been doing the take-out experience at both the Westmount and Laurier locations. We like the lamb chops, Moussaka, fresh fish, the special (fried zucchini) and the Greek spread medley. The complete special menu packages can be found at [www.restaurantpetros.ca](http://www.restaurantpetros.ca)

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You can follow Petros on Facebook @PetrosTaverna.

**RYÚ HAS IT RIGHT:** Ryú Sushi ([www.ryusushi.ca](http://www.ryusushi.ca)) has been doing very well since it reopened its Peel and Westmount locations for take-out and delivery. It is now accepting dining reservations at reduced capacity as of June 22 at both venues.

Ryú (Japanese for Dragon) is known throughout Montreal for its fresh ingredients and unique philosophy of respect for the environment and one another.



Peri Kalivrousis, partner in the Petros location on Laurier is working safely



Ted Dranias delivers meals to front-line workers at the MUHC.

The restaurant specializes in high-end sustainable sushi. Peel is open from Tuesday to Saturday whereas Westmount is open from Thursday to Monday, both with different menus. We have ordered from both.

I was very impressed with the precautions they are taking. All staff wear gloves and face masks and disinfect their hands as much as possible. Sanitizers/disinfectants are everywhere on site. All take-out bags are sealed shut. For client's safety, there is a vestibule area that separates the clients from staff. Clients enter the vestibule area to pick up their bag, where there are sanitizers all over the place. Orders are pre-paid and no contact with staff is necessary. Curbside pick-up is available for clients who request it. For in-service dining staff will wear the necessary protective gear.

We like the Classic Poke, the nigiri and sashimi platters. They are based on their Chef's Choice of daily arrivals of fresh Oceanwise fish which may consist of bio salmon, big eye tuna, hamachi, and albacore tuna and when in season, Japanese sourced fish. Also take a look at the specialty maki part of the menu. To enjoy the Ryú experience in the comfort of your own home, go to [ryusushi.ca](http://ryusushi.ca) or from one of their delivery partners: Uber Eats or DoorDash. They also accept orders by text and phone.

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