
Supermacs to close all restaurants by Thursday

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Irish fast food chain Supermacs has joined the likes of Nandos, McDonald's and Subway in closing all its 108 restaurants across Ireland by 7pm on Thursday.

The Galway-headquartered company said it is closing due to the ever-changing challenges presented by the health crisis and in the interests of its staff and customers.

The company has also announced that all seating areas will shut from today (March 23rd) onwards ahead of the full closure.

"We would like to thank our staff and customers in these challenging times. We would also like to thank the emergency services personnel and wish them well in their efforts in these unprecedented times," a Supermac's statement said.

This closure also applies to outlets at motorway plazas. However, fuel and retail services will still be available at these plazas.

Supermac's spent around €40 million on Irish agri-food produce in 2019. Currently, the business employs 4,000 people around the country.

Meanwhile sandwich maker Subway is also closing all of its outlets in Ireland and the UK from today.

Subway said that locally, over today and tomorrow, franchise owners will donate their fresh ingredients to local community groups and emergency workers, wherever possible.

The closures come after McDonald's announced yesterday that all of its restaurants in Ireland and the UK will close this evening to protect the safety of its employees and customers.

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