Huhtamaki Q4 Trends Report







University Dining | Restaurant Technology | Hospital Foodservice



Gen Z and millennials have made their mark on trends in restaurants, but now colleges and universities are revamping their dining services to meet students' ever-changing demands.

Growth of Plant-Based Options

sixty-seven percent of Gen Z wants NUTRITIONAL content in their food.



Sharing Is Caring

SHAREABLE

Shareable items are ideal for groups and give students the chance to try multiple items at once.



Customization Is Key

School cafeterias are mirroring the ease of fast-casual dining with personalized concepts.

grills



sandwich bars



Avoiding Allergens

Colleges are creating allergy-friendly spaces and menu options for students.

Child food allergies increased approximately

50% from 1997-2011. One in 13 children in the U.S. has a food allergy.



TECH-SAVVY SERVICE

From major chains to local eateries, restaurants are integrating technologies into their operations that increase convenience and speed without sacrificing the quality of food.



Chick-fil-A's new call button system has three customer-friendly requests:



"I want the manager."



"I want service."



"I want to order something else."



Pizzas might soon be traveling several blocks in mere minutes as Pieology continues to test delivery by drones.



Wingstop is developing voice-recognition technology that converts phone orders into online orders.



Domino's new "Dinner Bell" allows customers to create groups within the app that can be notified when an order is placed and when it is ready.

Square RootsKitchen

New touchscreen tablets at Square Roots Kitchen let customers place orders and pay in 90 seconds or less on average.



CaliBurger is using face-recognition technology in its kiosks that allows customers to view past orders and even "Pay by Face."



Hospitals across the country are looking for new ways to spruce up menus, cater to patients and make meals more convenient for busy staffers.

Going Local

Hospitals are increasingly sourcing food and talent from local restaurants to build a stronger connection with the community.



More Variety

Hospital dining services are offering patients, guests and staff more options than ever before.



Menu items & cuisines



Various serving stations



Broader meal times

Room Service

MEAL SCHEDULES:

To help decrease food waste, hospitals are adopting more flexible models that allow patients to order meals on their own schedules.





DELIVERY CARTS: NYC Health + Hospitals is taking dining door-to-door with carts equipped with fridges & convection ovens to maintain food's integrity.

Convenient Eats

Grab-and-go kiosks provide portable meals and quick, easy transactions for staff, patients and guests.



Delivery is helping to add **diversity to hospital dining** with the **same ease** as **eating on-site**.

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University and hospital foodservice providers are adapting to meet consumer needs, ranging from shareable foods to kiosks. Restaurant technology is also evolving to offer consumers the convenience they are after.

Huhtamaki North America stays at the forefront of these trends to help your business navigate the ever-changing foodservice landscape.