





Three Ways Cloud Communications Can Benefit Restaurateurs

IMPROVE CUSTOMER EXPERIENCES, EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY, AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY - ALL WITH ONE COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM

The restaurant business is a dynamic, highly competitive space. From fast-food and fast casual cafes to full-service establishments, restaurants need flexible and cost-effective solutions that help employees provide the best customer experience, on-site and off.

A fully integrated cloud communications platform goes a long way toward improving the customer experience regardless of whether the customer is on the phone ordering takeout or walking through your front door for an anniversary dinner. Empower your team to engage with customers from any location through any channel, so they spend more time serving customers and less time juggling technology. You'll boost customer satisfaction, raise employee productivity, and increase operational efficiency.

Let's take a look at three key use cases for restaurants - along with the benefits and capabilities needed to implement each.









UNIVERGE BLUE CLOUD SERVICES RESTAURANT USE CASES





DELIVER SUPERIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE

ENGAGE THROUGH YOUR GUESTS' PREFERRED CHANNELS

Consumer dining preferences are evolving rapidly. To maximize every interaction, restaurants need to ensure superior and responsive service for every guest, every time. For in-house dining, it means the most available employee can answer calls from any device, freeing others to focus on guests. For callers, it means minimal hold times and efficient routing for quick and easy reservations and takeout ordering.

With UNIVERGE BLUE CONNECT, your teams are untethered from old technology and can interact with customers across multiple channels, supported by integrated phone, chat, text messaging, SMS, video conferencing, screen sharing, and more. Communicate with customers more efficiently and effectively - all within one platform - and provide the seamless digital service and support your quests expect.

BENEFITS



ENGAGE ON ANY CHANNEL

Move easily between integrated phone, chat, SMS, and call center, while minimizing transfers and dead ends with intelligent routing and self-service interactive voice response (IVRs).



ANSWER CALLS QUICKLY

Whether making a reservation or ordering takeout, caller wait times are shortened because every call can be answered from any phone, including mobile, and by any employee regardless of location.



KEEP CUSTOMERS UPDATED

Support customers' expectations of a seamless digital journey, from ordering to (curbside) pickup, with text updates on order preparation and availability.









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MAXIMIZE EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY

WORK FROM WHEREVER WITH INTEGRATED, MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS

You want your employees brimming with productivity - whether they're greeting guests, taking an order, serving food, or answering the phone. This means empowering your people to connect with quests, back of house staff, and suppliers on any device, through any channel, from any location.

With UNIVERGE BLUE's integrated cloud communications platform, your team can easily connect with quests in person and on the phone. Host busy seating quests? Other staff can provide prompt reservation and takeout order service on mobile devices, even if they're not in the restaurant. Need pre-shift menu briefings across multiple locations? Turn on video conferencing and go. Checking ingredients with suppliers or other chain locations? Move seamlessly between text messaging, phone calls, and video chats as you go from kitchen to supply room and out on the road. Thanks to our feature-rich set of tightly integrated and intuitive cloud solutions, your team can easily manage call queues, transfer customers and colleagues, and log important reservation, supply, and order details. Your people will be ready, willing, and able to serve guests and keep your restaurant ready for anything through any channel on any device from any location.

BENEFITS



ALWAYS-ON CUSTOMER SERVICE

Never miss important calls or orders - plus, manage call queues and easily collaborate from back of house to dining room and out onto the road, using our Mobile App.



INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY

Empower a more flexible, effective, and productive team that communicates anytime, from anywhere, with anybody, and on any device - in one or across multiple restaurant locations



IMPROVED RESPONSIVENESS

Mobile communications allow easy access to information about reservations, orders, and menus to immediately respond to common customer queries.









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IMPROVE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

EASILY SCALE AND FLEX AS YOUR BUSINESS CHANGES

Just as landline home phones are household relics, on-premises phone systems for restaurants are outdated, expensive to maintain, and hard to move.

Investing in a cloud communications platform helps restaurants dramatically increase operational efficiency. If you have plans to expand with more locations, move locations, or extend your current location's footprint, UNIVERGE BLUE CONNECT makes it easy to scale in a budget-friendly manner with the same set of tools for each new site.

BENEFITS



SCALE AND FLEXIBILITY

Cloud-based communications platforms are easy to scale and manage. As new restaurants open, shift locations, or expand into larger spaces, it's simple to create a new account, port numbers, and drop ship new phones - all from a central account.



STREAMLINE SYSTEMS

With a cloud-based communications platform, you use the same set of integrated tools across all locations, making it easier to connect all locations and for employees to move between locations without learning new technology.



SAVE MONEY

Old, hardwired phone systems are expensive to maintain and harder to move. Reduce operating costs with a cloud-based and flexible communications platform.

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