

# Big crowds caused new Al's Italian Beef in Addison to run out of food, close temporarily



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Eating an Italian beef sandwich is a messy endeavor. You'll need napkins, a fork and no shame.

Beef is not what's for dinner — not Sunday night at least — at Al's Italian Beef in Addison. restaurant, which opened last week, experienced such high volumes of customers that it ran totally out of beef.

“**Semis of beef**” are driving to Texas right now, according to the company's Twitter account.

I went Friday night and found a restaurant slammed with customers waiting 30 minutes or more for their authentic Chicago-style sandwiches. Customers filled every space of the restaurant —waiting in a long line to order, waiting impatiently for take-out orders, waiting for tables to open up.

The specialty at Al's is an Italian beef sandwich with sweet and hot peppers, dipped in gravy. That's how spokesperson Mike Ditka would suggest you order your sandwich.

They'll be back in bidness at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9, according to a spokesperson.