



Chef Huseyin Pancar has been working at Alavya Hotel, a boutique hotel in Alacati, Cesme, since its opening in 2013. (Courtesy of Alavya Hotel)

Huseyin Pancar, cuisine chef of [Alavya Hotel](#), a boutique hotel located within Alacati town centre with 25 rooms, says the hotel was closed for the first time during the pandemic in its seven year history. He says they used the time for renovations, and the hotel also fed stray animals.

Pancar says while production of their bread, jam and cookies for their customers continued during lockdown, they have had to furlough staff. "In past seasons," he says, "we had as many as 50 people working for us. During the