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## Recommendations for Restaurants during Government Ordered Closure

On March 17, 2020 Governor Justice declared by Executive Order that all restaurants, bars, and casinos throughout the state close in order to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 throughout our State. The Governor is allowing restaurants to provide carry-out, drive-through, and delivery service during the closure. The following is guidance for restaurants that will still be providing carry-out, drive-through, or delivery services:

- Ensure sick employees stay home (including managers)
  - Employers should monitor employees daily for symptoms of COVID-19 (this should include checking employees' temperatures when they report for work- any employee with a temperature of 100.4 or greater should not be allowed to work)
  - Employees that have a fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath should stay home
  - Continue to exclude or restrict employees that have any reportable symptoms or illnesses as defined in the FDA Food Code
  - Allow a liberal leave/ non-punitive leave policy if employees are sick and do not require a doctor's note for employees that are asked to self-quarantine
- For customers picking up food, encourage social distancing of at least 6 feet between individuals
- Encourage social distancing as much as possible with staff from each other as well as customers
- Close all salad bars, buffets, self-service beverage dispensers, self-service ice cream dispensers (foods and beverages from these areas may only be dispensed by employees)
- Hotels and motels that offer breakfast must not allow guests to use self-service areas. Employees should provide food and beverages for guests to take back to their rooms or carry-out.
- All self-service areas and self-service items (napkins, condiments, silverware, etc.) should be removed from customer access. These items should only be provided by employees
- Encourage good employee hygiene (frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds)
- Reinforce use of single-use gloves or utensils to handle foods
- Encourage the use of single-use gloves for taking payments (be sure to discard gloves, wash hands, and put on new gloves prior to handling food)
- Encourage sick customers to stay home or use delivery options
- Block access to tables, chairs and bar stools and do not allow seating inside or in outdoor dining areas
- Touchscreen ordering should be discontinued if possible. If not possible, frequently sanitize the screens.
- Frequently clean and sanitize all frequently touched surfaces including faucet handles, utensils, door handles, prep tables, etc. Must use a bleach solution of 1,000 ppm (1/3 cup chlorine bleach in 1 gallon water) or other approved disinfectants for COVID-19 <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

See the following sources for up-to-date information on COVID-19 in our area:

[www.jchdvw.org](http://www.jchdvw.org)

[www.facebook.com/JCHDWV.ORG](https://www.facebook.com/JCHDWV.ORG)

[www.coronavirus.wv.gov](http://www.coronavirus.wv.gov)