



AMENDED DECLARATION AND ORDER

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Effective just after midnight tonight, Wednesday, March 18, an amended declaration of a local state of emergency will restrict restaurants, taverns, convenience stores and retail stores from serving food or drink for on-site consumption and will reduce the number of persons at a group event from 50 to no more than 10 for a period of fifteen days.

Items of specific interest relating to this amended declaration and order include:

- Group events are prohibited from occurring.
- Group event means any gathering of 10 or more people at any professional, social, cultural, religious, athletic, entertainment, or other special event facility where people are not separated by physical space of at least six feet. Generally, customers must walk in, pick up food and depart without delay.
- Restaurants, taverns, convenience stores and retail stores shall not serve food or drinks for on-site consumption, shall only serve customers via drive-through, pick-up or delivery, shall not accept face-to-face orders for prepared food, shall require six feet distance between people picking up prepared food inside the establishment, and require people to wait outside the establishment during the preparation of prepared food orders.
- No more than 10 people, including employees, vendors and customers may be inside a convenience store or gas station at any one time.
- Facilities operated for entertainment and recreational purposes shall not allow the general public or members of the facilities to enter those facilities. Such facilities include, but are not limited to, theaters, private clubs, fitness centers and bowling alleys.
- Grocery stores, pharmacies, or other retailers providing household goods as a

substantial portion of their business are not required to close or limit occupancy or operation, provided the business's facilities accommodate separation of occupants by at least six feet.

- Hotels that serve breakfast are allowed to serve food by placing the plate/bowl on a table, and then the patron takes it to their room.
- Private business with in-house cafeterias can only serve food to their employees, providing they maintain the distance of six feet.
- Child care facilities are exempt from this declaration and order.

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