



## **BARS AND TAVERNS TO REOPEN**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

At a work session held yesterday, the City Council made the decision to allow bars and taverns to reopen following guidelines established in the Fifth Amended Declaration and Order while applying the order issued by the State of Missouri and the guidance provided in the “Guidelines for Opening Up America Again” that have been issued by the President.. The Declaration and Order continues to impose the requirements established previously to ensure public health and safety along with the following amendments as they relate to bars, taverns and restaurants effective today, May 14.

Restaurants must cease alcohol and liquor sales at 10pm Sunday through Thursday and 11:59pm on Friday and Saturday.

Bars and taverns are required to comply with the following:

- Assign all parties to tables or marked standing areas.
- Limit bar stools and seating to one seat every six feet.
- Require advanced reservations or immediate seating.
- Prohibit customers from congregating or waiting inside or outside the business to be seated.
- Servers and preparers must wear face coverings.
- Cashiers must wash hands, use hand sanitizer, or change gloves before touching drinkware.
- Orders may only be taken or delivered directly to a customer’s table (or similar space) or at specified areas at bars—those areas must be six feet from all seating or marked standing areas.
- Drinks must be served in single-serve disposable cups.
- Refrain from making reusable condiment containers and menus available to customers unless the containers and/or menus are sanitized between parties accessing them.
- Record the name and phone number of a member of each party and the dates and times during which they were in the business. That information must be provided to the city’s health department when necessary to trace COVID-19 contacts.
- Comply with all other regulations that apply to restaurants.
- Cease alcohol and liquor sales at 10pm, Sunday through Thursday and 11:59pm on Friday and Saturday.
- Display informational postings issued by the city of St. Joseph. (Postings can be downloaded and printed from the city’s website at [stjoemo.org](http://stjoemo.org).)

The coronavirus is still in our community and we must continue the effort to reduce the spread of the

virus. You can do your part by:

- Maintaining a physical distance of at least six feet at all times.
- Proper handwashing and sanitizing of commonly used surfaces.
- Wearing a mask or face covering while you are out.
- Stay at home if you are sick.
- Stay home if you are at a higher risk and exercise greater caution if is necessary to be out.

The Fifth Amended Declaration and Order can be found on the city's website at [stjoemo.org](http://stjoemo.org), along with the state and federal guidance documents.

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