

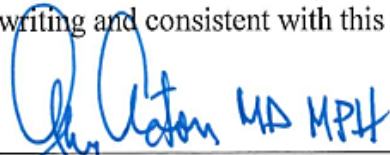
DIRECTOR'S ORDER**In Re: Order Limiting the Sale of Food and Beverages, Liquor, Beer and Wine to Carry-out and Delivery Only**

I, Amy Acton, MD, MPH, Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), pursuant to the authority granted to me in R.C. 3701.13 to “make special orders...for preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases” **Order** the following to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the State of Ohio:

1. Liquor, beer and wine sales in the State of Ohio are restricted to carry-out sales and delivery only, to the extent permitted by law. No onsite consumption is permitted.
2. Food and beverage sales are restricted to carry-out and delivery only, no onsite consumption is permitted.
3. This Order does not apply to and/or exempts food service in health care facilities and catering at weddings or funerals.
4. Lines for carry-out in these establishments must have an environment where patrons and staff maintain social distancing (six feet away from other people) whenever possible.
5. Everyone is urged to continue to wash hands, utilize hand sanitizer and practice proper respiratory etiquette (coughing into elbow, etc.).
6. The immediate implementation of this Order is necessary as patrons of bars and restaurants continue to gather in large numbers, in close proximity to each other, in enclosed spaces, thereby endangering the health of the staff as well as the patrons.
7. The overriding goal of this Order is to minimize the in-person interaction which is the primary means of transmission. Restaurants and bars increase and encourage talking, touching and other social interaction in an environment with a multitude of hard surfaces.
8. This Order shall take effect at 9:00 p.m. tonight, March 15, 2020. This Order will be continuously evaluated and may be modified or extended by the Director of the Ohio Department of Health at any time.
9. To the extent any public official enforcing this order has questions regarding the sale of food, liquor, beer or wine under this Order, the Director of Health hereby delegates to local health departments the authority to answer questions in writing and consistent with this Order.

The CDC reports that people are most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest) however some spread might be possible before people show symptoms although that is not the main way the virus spreads.

Accordingly, to avoid an imminent threat with a high probability of widespread exposure to COVID-19 with a significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people in the general population, including the elderly and people with weakened immune systems and chronic medical conditions, I hereby **ORDER** liquor, beer and wine sales in the State of Ohio are restricted to carry-out sales and delivery only, to the extent permitted by law. No onsite consumption is permitted. Food and beverage sales are restricted to carry-out and delivery only, no onsite consumption is permitted. This Order does not apply to and/or exempts food service in health care facilities and catering at weddings or funerals. Lines for carry-out in these establishments must have an environment where patrons and staff maintain social distancing (six feet away from other people) whenever possible. Everyone is urged to continue to wash hands, utilize hand sanitizer and practice proper respiratory etiquette (coughing into elbow, etc.). The immediate implementation of this Order is necessary as patrons of bars and restaurants continue to gather in large numbers, in close proximity to each other, in enclosed spaces, thereby endangering the health of the staff as well as the patrons. The overriding goal of this Order is to minimize the in-person interaction which is the primary means of transmission. Restaurants and bars increase and encourage talking, touching and other social interaction in an environment with a multitude of hard surfaces. This Order shall take effect at 9:00 p.m. tonight, March 15, 2020. This Order will be continuously evaluated and may be modified or extended by the Director of the Ohio Department of Health at any time. To the extent any public official enforcing this order has questions regarding the sale of food, liquor, beer or wine under this Order, the Director of Health hereby delegates to local health departments the authority to answer questions in writing and consistent with this Order.



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