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Effective ONLY per the Governor Declaring Week 4 may proceed on Thursday, May 21, 2020

WVABCA LIMITED 50% INDOOR DINING AREA ADVISORY

Per the Governor's Guide to Safely Reopening Restaurants issued on May 11, 2020 and by further order of the Governor, Class A on-premises licensees will be permitted to open for limited indoor dining (of freshly prepared food and meals) and the sale and serving of alcohol (as per their license) inside the licensed premises at 50% of the Licensee's indoor seating capacity subject to strict adherence to the requirements set forth in the Guide to Safely Reopening Restaurants at <https://governor.wv.gov/Documents/GUIDELINES-Indoor-Dining-At-Restaurants-Updated.pdf>.

What is **NOT** included for indoor dining:

- (1) Patrons sitting or standing at the licensee's bar for any purpose, including food and alcohol;
- (2) Bar areas where alcohol drinks are primarily served or where no freshly prepared food or meals (does not include a bag of chips or a TV dinner) are served; and
- (3) Food or Alcohol service directly from the licensee's bar to patrons.

What is **included** for indoor dining:

- (1) Dining tables inside the licensed premises, properly spaced and sanitized per the Governor's Guide; and
- (2) Dining or high-top tables within "bar areas" used for general seating subject to the same limitations as all other tables used for indoor dining.

Further, please follow all distance and safety protocols issued in the Guide to Safely Reopening Restaurants and by state and local health departments, since failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in a fine, suspension of a licensee's license and/or other appropriate enforcement measures. Licensees who push the envelope will have to answer for their actions.

Restrictions: (A) Authorized outdoor dining may continue. Take-away food and sealed original container of beers and wine may continue (See previous Advisories). Patrons may not congregate in any one area to wait on orders.

(B) No live entertainment may occur in or on the licensee's licensed premises (patios, decks & etc), including a parking lot. Patrons may not loiter and continue drinking alcohol without dining. Once patrons have been served and completed dining, then patrons must leave the licensed premises. Pool tables, darts, trivia, limited video lottery and other forms of amusement or adult entertainment are not permitted at this time.

(C) Licensees may remain open during the WVABCA's hours of operation as long as they are serving freshly prepared food and meals with alcohol service. Once indoor dining and also outdoor dining are completed, the Licensee must shut down operations even if prior to the conclusion of the WVABCA's hours of operation. After closing, the licensee, its owners, or employees/staff may not remain on the licensed premises and consume alcohol.