

WVABCA STAY AT HOME ADVISORY

EXECUTIVE ORDER 9-20

In response to COVID-19 and in accordance with emergency powers granted to the Governor pursuant to W. Va. Code §15-5-6, the Governor has determined in Executive Order 9-20 issued on March 23, 2020, that **Class A Licensees** (on-premises bars and restaurants) providing food and beverage [including the sale of sealed wine and beer, if appropriately licensed, for off-premises consumption (see previous WVABCA Advisory)] are essential businesses and “shall remain” open, per the order.

Likewise, **Class B licensees and retail liquor outlets** providing alcoholic beverages, if appropriately licensed, for off-premises consumption, are essential businesses and “shall remain” open, per the order.

Further licensed **distillers, mini-distillers, wineries, farm wineries, wine suppliers, wine distributors and beer distributors** are essential businesses and “shall remain” open, per the order.

Please continue to operate within the bounds of the West Virginia Code unless otherwise directed during the State of Emergency. Failure to do so, could subject a licensee to WVABCA penalties including monetary penalties, the immediate suspension of the licensee’s license in the interest of public health and safety and revocation of the licensee’s license. **Further note**, other penalties may apply under local and state law, which could also result in criminal penalties.