

DBPR Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 requires the suspension of the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at locations that hold a state alcoholic beverage license but do not also hold a food service license issued by the Florida Division of Hotels & Restaurants. They can, however, sell alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption, pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. For entities that hold both a state alcoholic beverage license and a food service license issued by the Florida Division of Hotels and Restaurants, the service of food and alcoholic beverages to customers seated at tables or bar counters may continue with appropriate social distancing and adherence to operating at or below 50% of the seating occupancy.

DBPR has reevaluated and rescinded our election to enforce closure of private social clubs, lodges, fraternal groups, benevolent associations, American Legions, and VFWs pursuant to Amended Emergency Order 2020-09, as stipulated in my 7/8/2020 email. To be clear, the Order does not prohibit these establishments from operating at or below 50% seating capacity if they hold a food service license or permit from another regulatory authority (e.g. DoH, FDACS, or the county). They are, however, encouraged to follow other state and local guidance on sanitation and social distancing to prevent the risk of exposure and spread of illness during this pandemic.

Respectfully,
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