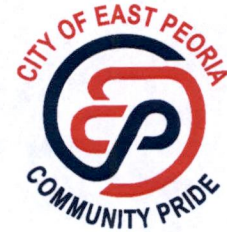


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RE: COVID-19 Related Action

To: Food and Beverage Business Community

The City of East Peoria recognizes that strict restrictions imposed by the Governor in response to the coronavirus pandemic places a burden on all our establishments that serve food, including those that sell alcoholic liquor. We realize that some of the messages from various sources have not always been clear and may be subject to change. These are extraordinary times which require us to take necessary steps to protect public health, while at the same time protecting the businesses that serve our community.

Subject to further direction from this office you continue to be authorized and encouraged to prepare and serve food, subject to the same rules and regulations applicable to your business before the Governor issued his Executive Order, providing that the food is for off-premise consumption and served through means such as in-house delivery, third-party delivery, drive-thru service and curbside pick-up. In addition, patrons may enter the premises to purchase food or beverages for carry-out. However, establishments offering food or beverages for carry-out must ensure they maintain a suitable environment where patrons can maintain adequate social distancing. The CDC recommends social distancing of at least six feet. Hotel restaurants may continue to provide room service and carry-out.

License holders with the authority to sell alcoholic liquor for off-premise consumption may continue to sell alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption providing that the alcoholic liquor is in its unopened, original packaging through means such as in-house delivery, third-party delivery, drive-through service, curbside pick-up and home delivery. Home deliveries are not permitted for license holders required to make "in-person" packaged sales. In addition, licensees may permit patrons to enter licensed establishments to conduct sales for off-premises consumption if the licensees maintain a suitable environment where patrons can maintain adequate social distancing. The CDC recommends social distancing of at least six feet. On-premise liquor license holders for hotels may continue to sell beverages via room service, mini-bar and carry-out.

We at the City seek to assist you during this difficult time in every way that we can. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or believe there is something that City government can do to help. We appreciate your contribution to the City and will continue working with the East Peoria Chamber of Commerce to navigate through these uncharted times.

Sincerely,

*John P. Kahl*  
Mayor