

You as a restaurateur have two options:

1. Comply and close your locations for in-door dining and only provide take-out.
2. Keep your restaurant open for both in-door dining and take-out.

If you stay open for in-door dining, please read below, and know that GARC has a legal resource to consult.

Key information:

1. The Illinois Department of Health stated that 1 out of 10 COVID cases come from Bars and Restaurants.
2. Restaurants are forced by the Governor to shut down because he believes he can control them.
3. 12 of the health studies the Governor refers to have nothing to do with restaurants and bars for COVID cases.
4. The health department cannot shut you down unless you have an infestation of rats, cockroaches, etc. If you receive an immediate order of closure you will be expected to be in court within 24 hours.
5. All the health department can do is give you paperwork, they cannot force you to shut down. When you go to court it will be thrown out.
6. The governor cannot take your liquor license. Refer to your local ordinance to confirm that new hours and regulations have not been passed by the local government.
7. State police stated they will not enforce the Governors closures and refer it back to the health department.
8. Please follow the guidelines to keep your business open during COVID. Have your employees wear masks, clean, and sanitize after every consumer visit and ensure the tables are 6 feet apart. Also, keep the 25% capacity.
9. If you are visited by a state trooper and or the health department ask nicely, do you have any paperwork for me? If no, ask them if they want to eat!
10. If you did receive a state grant or loan from Illinois have a lawyer review the contract to make sure you do not have to comply with the state mandates.

GARC is aware of the financial hardships that this pandemic has caused. You have a choice as a restaurant owner. I would like to know if you plan on staying open! So please contact me, cell: 630-795-9956 office: 847-824-6941, or e-mail csimms@garapurchasing.com.

I look forward to hearing from you,
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