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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION ADVISORY

On Sunday, March 15, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker issued an Order Prohibiting the Gathering of More Than 25 People and On-Premises Consumption of Food or Drink, barring all on-premises consumption of food and drink in Massachusetts in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The text of the Governor's Order can be found HERE.

Effective beginning at 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all on-premises consumption licensees are prohibited from selling alcohol to the public until 11:59 p.m. on April 5, 2020. This includes restaurants, bars, hotels, general-on-premises, clubs, war veterans' clubs, continuing care retirement communities, pub-brewers (M.G.L. c. 138, §§ 12 and 19D), farmer-series pouring permits, and manufacturer's pouring permits (M.G.L. c. 138, §§ 19(b), 19B(n), 19C(n), and 19E(o)). These establishments are also prohibited from serving any food or drinks for on-premises consumption; only takeout and delivery of food is permitted.

Please note that this Advisory does not apply to licenses for off-premises consumption, including grocery stores, pharmacies, package stores, direct wine shippers, and farmer-series licensees (M.G.L. c. 138, §§ 15, 19B(g)(2), 19C(g)(7), 19E(g)(7), and 19F).

As always, all licensees must ensure that they comply with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that sales of alcoholic beverages take place only as authorized by federal, state, and local law. All questions should be directed to Ralph Sacramone, RSacramone@tre.state.ma.us, 617-727-3040 ext 731.

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