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Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

Marguerite Salazar
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Director

Dear Liquor Licensee,

Yesterday, the New Mexico Department of Health and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued further clarification on the Emergency Public Health Orders regarding the containment of COVID-19 virus.

Beginning today, all non-essential businesses must shut down and New Mexico citizens are cautioned to stay home to prevent to spread of the virus. Furthermore, New Mexicans are required to practice social distancing and must not congregate in groups of five or more people.

Restaurants may remain open for take-out and delivery of food only. Brewpubs, craft distillers, wineries, and package liquor stores may remain open for take-out only. If your business is allowed to stay open, please remember to continue to practice social distancing principles and design measures so that there are not groups of more than 5 people congregated for take-out.

We all know that the hospitality industry -like other industries - has been hit particularly hard by during this crisis, but please remember that these measures are to ensure that this virulent and dangerous virus does not endanger the lives of our employees, our family members, and the community at large.

These are extraordinary events, but I am proud that our industry has been vigilant, proactive and compassionately caring for the welfare of our citizens. Thank you for your patience and for the kindness you have shown to one another.

To report violations of the Governor's Emergency Health Order please call the non-emergency COVID-19 hotline at 1-833-551-0518, or contact ABC. The latest emergency health order is on our website at the address listed above.

Respectfully,

Andrew Vallejos
ABC Director