



**New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

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Governor

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Director

Re: Restrictions on Alcohol Sales Pursuant to Department of Health Emergency Order Issued April 6, 2020.

Dear Licensees,

Yesterday, the New Mexico Department of Health amended its Public Health Emergency Order in light of the continued threat of the COVID-19 epidemic to further restrict nonessential business operations and gatherings of people in allowed business operations.

Grocery and convenience stores may be allowed to stay open and to sell alcohol. However the business must minimize operations and staff to the greatest extent possible. The six foot social distancing requirements are still in effect. The maximum number of customers in a "retail space" shall be 20% of maximum occupancy as determined by your floor plan approved by the fire marshal.

Restaurants may remain open for take out food only. There is no off premises beer or wine sales for restaurant licenses. Breweries and Craft Distillers may remain open for take-out service only. All social distancing requirements discussed above are in effect.

Retail off-premises (package) liquor stores are deemed non-essential and must cease all retail operations effective immediately. Package stores may not stay open by utilizing curbside delivery or by merely selling non-alcoholic sundries items.

New Mexico State Police will be out enforcing this order, and your cooperation and assistance is appreciated during the pendency of this health crisis. We understand the frustration and hardship this health crisis has caused but we can only get through this by cooperatively limiting potential exposure to the virus.

A copy of this letter and the April 6, 2020 health order are also available on the ABC website address listed above.

Sincerely,

Andrew Vallejos
ABC Director