

COVID-2019 Information about Restaurants: March 19, 2020

Have restaurants, casinos and other places been closed?

Gov. Edwards has taken aggressive measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Louisiana including the closing of casinos, bars and movie theaters and limiting restaurants to delivery, take out and drive-through orders only. *This is in effect until April 13, unless extended at a later date.*

Guidance for Restaurant Employees

Restaurants will not be allowed to have patrons eat on-site, rather they will be limited to drive-thru, curbside pick-up and delivery orders only. Restaurants must follow these directives:

- Employees who are sick with a fever or respiratory symptoms should not go to work, nor work the drive-through window.
- Practice social distancing by:
 - Picking up your order when there are fewer customers.
 - Having customers keep six feet of distance between each other.
 - Utilize curbside pickup, if possible.
- Restaurant employees should:
 - Wash hands frequently.
 - Do not touch customers' hands when passing food or drinks.
 - Use gloves for contact with money or credit cards. Gloves must be replaced between each customer interaction. If gloves are not available, then hand sanitizer between each customer interaction is acceptable.
 - Clean and sanitize all frequently touched items, including food preparation areas, tables and chairs, doors and door handles.
 - Clean restrooms regularly.
 - Wear gloves to handle money when clearing the register/cash drawer.

How long can the virus live on food from restaurants?

The coronavirus can be spread in a public restaurant as it can be spread in any public space. Whenever eating food, wash your hands and make sure you are eating in clean surroundings.

Resources

- For the most up-to-date information, visit www.cdc.gov/covid19.
- For more information about COVID-19 in Louisiana, visit <http://www.ldh.la.gov/coronavirus>
- For questions from the general public about COVID-19, call 211.