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RE: COVID 19 coronavirus

Dear Food Establishment Owners and Managers,

I would like to take the time to update you on the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency. There has been a lot of confusion as to which businesses are permitted to continue operations. Governor Tom Wolf on Thursday 03/19/20 declared that all non-life sustaining businesses are to close for business as of 8:00 pm March 19, 2020. This does not pertain to Retail Food Establishments. You are still permitted to serve food via take-out, delivery, and curbside pickup. We are urging retail food establishments to follow the Governor's order to not allow customers to engage in dining rooms inside your business. You must also take precaution in not allowing persons to congregate closer than six feet apart and no more than ten in line while waiting for take-out.

The Borough of State College Division of Health is prepared to immediately suspend the retail food facility license of any retail food facility that fails to comply with this temporary emergency requirement. I would also note that any establishment that refuse to cooperate with the order may be in jeopardy of losing any government issued COVID-19 coronavirus relief assistance that may be offered in the future. This action is authorized under the Retail Food Facility Safety Act 3 Pa.C.S.A. § 5701 et seq. as adopted by the Borough of State College Borough Code Chapter 9 Part B. (201)(207).

To those of you that are still in operation, I would like to thank you for your dedication in providing the residents of the State College Area with your food service during the COVID -9 Pandemic that our state and country are experiencing. Hopefully this virus can be slowed down by the measures that our Governor is taking in this fight. We ask that you follow the Governor's Order of closure of dine-in eating options and continue to conduct your business through take-out, delivery, and curb side pickup. Please continue to the take precautionary measures of:

- Sending employees that exhibit signs of respiratory illness home
- social distancing (maintaining a six feet barrier between persons when interacting)



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- frequent hand washing
- diligent cleaning and sanitizing of frequently touched surfaces
- coughing and sneezing into a tissue or your elbow
- disposing of soiled tissues promptly and washing hands immediately afterwards

You will find the latest updates for maintaining food safety during the COVID-19 emergency in retail establishments during this crisis along with the Governor's Order and PA Department of Agriculture's Notice of the Emergency Prohibition of Dine-In Service

(<https://www.statecollegepa.us/DocumentCenter/Index/1982>). Along with the link (<http://www.statecollegepa.us/coronavirus>) to the Borough of State College website which is updated daily with COVID-19 announcements and a link (<https://www.restaurant.org/Covid19>) to the National Restaurant Association website with food safety information.

If you have any questions please give us a call or write us an email.

Sincerely,

Respectfully,

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