



Licensing Board for the City of Boston

1 City Hall Plaza, Room 809, Boston, MA 02201 Phone: 617-635-4170 Fax: 617-635-4742

Commissioners:

*Kathleen M. Joyce, Chairman
Keeana S. Saxon
Liam P. Curran*

Executive Secretary:

Lesley Delaney Hawkins

**THE LICENSING BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON'S ADVISORY
REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE PROHIBITION OF ON-PREMISE
CONSUMPTION OF FOOD AND ALCOHOL AND THE LIMITATION ON
CAPACITY**

Issued: March 17, 2020

As you may be aware, due to the ongoing public health concerns related to the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) both the Licensing Board for the City of Boston (the "Board") and Governor Charles Baker have issued respective advisories and orders impacting establishments serving food and alcoholic beverages. In an effort to provide clarity, the Board issues this advisory regarding the status of the prohibition of on-premise consumption of food and alcohol and the limitation on capacity (the "Advisory") effective today, March 17, 2020.

1. No restaurant or establishment exercising a common victualler license (with or without an alcoholic beverages license), bar, club, private club, social club, or entertainment venue may at any time allow more than twenty five (25) individuals in the licensed premise including staff.
2. No establishment may serve food or alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption. This means a complete prohibition on the service of alcohol by Section 12 Licensees.
3. Establishments may only serve patrons food via take-out and delivery.
4. Any restriction or regulation prohibiting take-out or delivery is temporarily lifted.
5. Establishments must remove, turn over, or rope-off all seating in the licensed premise.
6. Establishments must abide by the CDC's social distancing guidelines.
7. Establishments offering take-out and delivery may stay open until the closing hour currently listed on the license.
8. Massachusetts General Law does not permit a Section 12 Licensee to sell alcoholic beverage to go.
9. Failure to comply with this Advisory may result in disciplinary action at the Board's discretion.

Any questions should be directed to the Board's Executive Secretary, Lesley Delaney Hawkins, Esq., who can be reached at (617) 635-4170 or Lesley.hawkins@boston.gov.

For the Board,

Lesley Delaney Hawkins, Esq.
Executive Secretary & General Counsel

