

**Update 3/18/20**  
**Jackson County Licensed Facilities Recommendations per**  
**Governor's Mandatory Closure for Restaurants and Bars**

Jackson County Health Department's recommendations based on the [Governor's Executive order](#) and information from the Illinois Liquor Control Commission.

- No seating for on-site consumption of food or beverage is allowed.
- Licensed facilities within Jackson County can provide food orders by drive-thru, delivery, curbside pick-up or take-out. For take-out, customers can come into the facility and order. When offering these options please ensure patrons are practicing [social distancing](#). Facilities must ensure staff are free from symptoms, such as fever & cough. Management should notify their staff not to report to work if they have symptoms.
- No self-service food, such as salad bars, ice cream, hot dog rollers, buffet style bars, & hot hold cabinets accessible by the public. The only exemption is self-service soda fountains. It is our recommendation that these machines are [cleaned and sanitized](#) frequently.
- Licensed facilities that offer liquor for only on-site consumption must close. Further guidance is from the Illinois Liquor Control Commission [FAQ](#) & [Compliance Directive](#) .
- All licensed facilities that offer gaming must cease this portion of your operation.
- As delegated agents of Illinois Department of Public Health and per the Jackson County Food Service Ordinance we have the authority to suspend permits if facilities do not comply the Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5).

Illinois Department of Public Health is working on a FAQ to provide more information to Licensed Facilities, as soon as we receive this information it will be shared on our website, facebook, and twitter.

If you have you questions please contact the Environmental Health Division at 618-684-3143, ext. 128.