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Gov. Reynolds grants temporary relief to Iowa bars and restaurants impacted by COVID-19

(ANKENY) – Governor Kim Reynolds issued a State of Public Health Emergency declaration on March 19 granting temporary relief to Iowa bars and restaurants impacted by mitigation efforts related to COVID-19.

"We thank Governor Reynolds for giving us additional regulatory flexibility to assist our licensees during this difficult time," said ABD Administrator Stephen Larson. "We stand ready to immediately implement these relief measures."

The declaration authorizes the following:

- Bars, restaurants and other alcohol retailers holding a class "C" liquor license issued by ABD may sell alcoholic liquor and wine in original, unopened containers for carry-out, curb-side pickup, drive-through or home delivery without obtaining an additional license, permit or privilege. Class "C" liquor licensees already have the authority to sell beer in original, unopened containers for off-premises consumption.
- Breweries, brewpubs and beer retailers may fill and sell growlers or crowlers of beer to-go without requiring an in-person sales transaction.
- Beer barrel tax and wine gallonage tax reporting and remittance is temporarily deferred.
- Seasonal and temporary alcohol license and permit holders may request a refund of their license or permit fees.

More information on these changes, as well as any future changes connected to alcoholic beverages, can be found online on ABD's COVID-19 Updates webpage at https://abd.iowa.gov/covid-19-updates.

About the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division: The Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division serves Iowans through responsible and efficient licensing, regulation and distribution of alcohol. For more information about ABD, visit https://abd.iowa.gov

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