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Macon County Establishments:

The Macon County Health Department has appreciated all of the extra efforts that your restaurants and bars have taken to prevent the spread of illness during this pandemic. Due to the Governor's order, all bars and restaurants should have ceased all dining activities (onsite consumption) inside the establishment at end of business Monday, March 16, 2020. Drive-thru, pick-up, and curbside will be allowed only if people are not waiting for orders inside in groups. Establishments will need to use innovative methods to eliminate the gathering of people in and around the establishment while still ensuring the delivery of orders. Bars will not be able to be open to the public and will only be able to do carry out and pick-up if their license allows.

Establishments should be completing extra sanitizing and cleaning of their facilities. They should also be extra vigilant on behalf of the establishment to ensure that if employees and/or customers are sick, they are not in the establishment. Even with no inside dining, these directives will need to be followed. Because these new delivery procedures will be somewhat different in some establishments, these above directives will need to be concentrated on even more. The City of Decatur has agreed to assist with setting up temporary lanes for establishments to implement these methods. Please contact the City of Decatur for more information.

We must all do our part in protecting our customers and our community. It is your responsibility to do everything you can to protect the public by limiting gatherings, using a 6 foot distance between people, cleaning and sanitizing all public surfaces frequently, following guidance from the CDC and IDPH, staying home if you are sick, and washing your hands frequently.

I am certain that with using these above measures, the transmission of this virus will be greatly minimized and you will have done your part. We will do *our* part by continuing consistent and constant communication between our department and our partners. Up-to-date information will be posted on our Facebook page and our website. Important, time-sensitive material will be sent via phone and email, if needed.

We are hopeful that you will recognize the importance in complying with all of these measures. There are many Macon County residents that are trusting in your actions and your compassion for their health and safety. I am certain that we will be able to minimize the transmission of this virus through the efforts taken by your establishment and our community working together for a common goal. Thank you for doing your part.

Your Partner,

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