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TO: McHenry County Food Establishments

FROM: Melissa Adamson, Public Health Administrator
Patricia Nomn, Director of Environmental Health

RE: Executive Order in Response to COVID-19

DATE: March 17, 2020 **TIME:** 8:00 a.m.

This is an update regarding Governor Pritzker's Executive Order to prohibit on-premises consumption of food to facilitate social distancing and reduce the spread of COVID-19. We received additional information late yesterday and the following is our understanding of the restrictions:

- All businesses that offer food or beverages for on-premises consumption – including restaurants, bars, grocery stores, and food halls – must suspend service for and may not permit on-premises consumption.
- Such business are permitted and encouraged to serve food and beverages so that they may be consumed off-premises through such means as in-house delivery, third party delivery, drive through, and curbside pick-up.
- Customers may enter the premises to purchase food or beverages for carry-out. However, establishments offering carry-out including food trucks, must ensure they have an environment where patrons maintain adequate social distancing.
- Businesses located in airports, hospitals, and dining halls in colleges are exempt from these requirements.
- Hotel restaurants may continue to provide room service and carry-out.
- Catering services may continue.

The McHenry County Department of Health recognizes that this is a very difficult time for all food establishments. As the situation evolves, we will notify you of any new information or direction related to food establishments as quickly as we can. This information will also be available on the front page on our website: mcdh.info. Staff is available at 815-334-4585 to answer your questions related to these restrictions.

For general COVID-19 questions, please call 800-889-3931 or email DPH.SICK at ILLINOIS.GOV