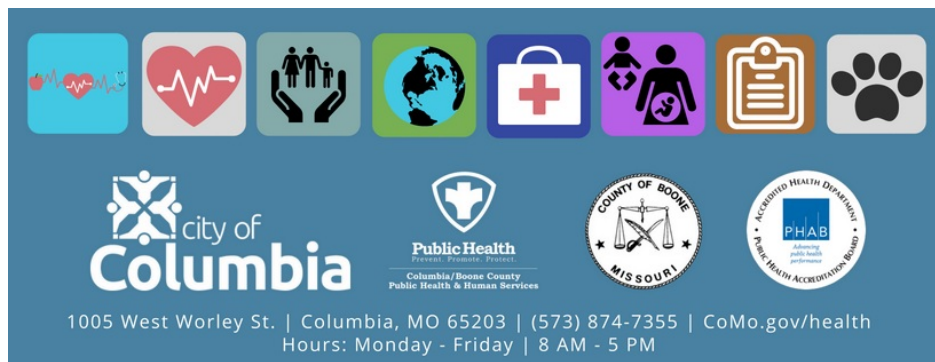




MISSOURI Restaurant News

August 12, 2020



How does the most recent public health order impact my establishment?

Public Health order 2020-09 goes into effect at 12:00am on August 10, 2020 and will expire on August 31, 2020.

What restrictions do bars and restaurants have?

- No capacity limitation. MUST follow social distancing requirements.
- Each table is limited to 10 people per table.
- **All patrons must be seated at all times except when entering/exiting the business or visiting a restroom.**
 - A face mask must be worn any time patrons are not seated.
- **All food and drinks must be consumed while patrons are seated.**
- Standing bar, counter and buffet service will continue to be closed under this order. An approved Operational Plan may allow for this service, but such plan is subject to modification or revocation due to patron non-compliance or changed circumstances.

What are the restrictions at entertainment venues?

- All entertainment venues including nightclubs, movie theaters, bowling alleys, dance halls, child entertainment facilities, etc., are limited to 100 person occupancy.
- An Operational Plan must be submitted to and approved by PHHS.
- Child entertainment facilities and arcades must limit to 50 children with the total capacity limited to 100 individuals and submit an Operational Plan to PHHS.

What if my establishment serves food and could also be considered an entertainment venue? (Example: an establishment serves food but also has music or games and stays open late)

- All food and drinks must be consumed while patrons are seated.
- A face mask must be worn any time a patron is not seated.
- Operation as a bar or restaurant requires all patrons to be seated at all times when not entering/exiting the facility or going to the restroom. Entertainment venues are not required to have patrons seated at all times. If a bar or restaurant transitions into an entertainment venue during the course of a day, at such time the regulations for an entertainment venue would apply, including an occupancy limit of 100 persons and an approved Operational Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Environmental Health Division at 573-874-7346.

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