



MISSOURI Restaurant News

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Allow Restaurants to Sell Alcohol To Go and For Delivery!

Restaurants in Missouri were closed for on-premise dining for several weeks. Many remain closed. Those allowed to reopen their dining rooms are subject to significant limitations. The sale of alcoholic beverages in approved containers for carryout will be of great assistance to restaurants as the industry begins the long slow process of re-emerging from the effects of the COVID-19 emergency.

The sale of mixed drinks to go by restaurants has been approved for several weeks through an Executive Order by Governor Parson. There have been no adverse effects or outcomes. Extending this authority through legislative action will throw a lifeline to many restaurants struggling to stay afloat.

The language currently being considered by the general assembly contains substantial restrictions to ensure customer and community safety.

Take action now to encourage the Senate to make alcohol to go and for delivery permanent!

Click the button below to send the following message to your state senator and representative.



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Missouri's restaurant industry was devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the inherently social nature of the hospitality industry, our dining rooms were shut down, and it will take months, potentially years, to recover. Even with recent reopenings, many restaurants are struggling and may go out of business.

During the shutdown, Governor Parson gave the industry a lifeline by allowing restaurants to sell alcohol to customers for off-premises consumption. Since then, restaurants across the state have been safely selling wine, beer, and mixed drinks to customers along with food. Customers love these new options, and they are providing essential revenue to restaurants.

As the restaurant industry continues to recover, restaurants should be able to continue selling alcohol for off-premise consumption. Many customers will continue to be reluctant to dine out for the foreseeable future, and off-premise sales allow restaurants to reach these customers.

Please consider passing legislation to make expanded off-premise alcohol sales permanent for restaurants in Missouri going forward.



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