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Coronavirus: The State of Play as of March 20 at 8:45 am

Stay informed on recent developments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic by visiting the Missouri Restaurant

Association website. A link has been added on the home page where the most recent information can be accessed: <https://www.morerestaurants.org/covid-19-latest-update.html>

As MRA has often stated, it is a critical part of the Association's mission of service to ensure that the state's restaurant industry has a seat at the table wherever and whenever political discussions regarding restaurants take place. On March 18, the National Restaurant Association sent a **letter** to America's political leaders urging "aggressive and immediate action" in support of America's restaurant industry and its 15.6 million workers.

A message in support of the restaurant-specific targeted relief requested in the NRA's letter can be sent directly to Sen. Roy Blunt, Sen. Josh Hawley, and your U.S. representative by texting RECOVERY to 52886. Simply take the requested action in the text that you will receive. Ask your employees and friends in the industry to text RECOVERY to 52886. The entire process can be completed in two minutes. Congress must hear from us!

You see, MRA also wants to ensure restaurants have a seat at the table when political discussions regarding the allocation of the upcoming federal relief package take place.



MRA has been working behind the scenes to make Small Business Administration economic injury disaster loans available in all Missouri counties. We expect to know more soon, and will keep you updated. For now, these SBA loans are available for the following Missouri counties: Cape Girardeau, Clark, Jefferson, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, Mississippi, Pike, Perry, Ralls, St. Charles, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, and Scott. St. Louis City is also included. Affected small businesses can access more information and begin the loan application process on the [SBA website](#).

MRA sent a 13-member delegation to Washington, DC earlier in March, before anybody envisioned the extent of the COVID-19 storm on the horizon, to visit with our members of congress. On March 17, all ten of them [signed onto a letter](#) to the SBA requesting the relief loans be made available in our state. The time to make a friend is before you need one.

The latest list of cities and counties that have closed dining rooms in restaurants and bars is available under the [COVID-19 Latest Update](#) tab on our website. Our friend Greg Hunsucker at V's Italiano in Independence wrote to provide [tips for dealing with a mandated closure of your dining room](#). Send us your tips and we'll share them with your fellow restaurateurs. We're all in this together after all.

Our friends, the attorneys at [McMahon Berger](#) who staff the MRA Labor Law Hotline, provide information to help you navigate the recently-enacted [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#).

The landscape is changing quickly. MRA will keep working on your behalf, and be back with you soon. Thank you for your support of the Missouri Restaurant and its mission of service. We wish the best for you, our friends.

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