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FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS: COVID 19 - ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM, All bars and restaurants in Wisconsin will be closed by Emergency Order #5 by Governor Tony Evers. Food service may still be provided via delivery.

Requirements of this order that refer to food establishments:

- EFFECTIVE AT 5:00 PM ON TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2020, all bars and restaurants shall close in the State of Wisconsin, Except:
 - Restaurants may remain open for take-out or delivery service only. No seating may be provided, and food may not be consumed at the restaurant. Restaurants shall preserve social distancing of six feet between customers during pickup.
 - Retail food establishments (grocery stores, convenience stores, farmer's markets) as long as the requirements listed below are followed:
 - Close all seating intended for consuming food;
 - Cease self-service operations of salad bars, beverage stations, and buffets;
 - Prohibit customers from self-dispensing all unpackaged food.

This order will remain in effect for the duration of the public health emergency declared in Governor Evers' Executive Order #72, or until a superseding order is issued.

Disaster Response Information

The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act 2020 (H.R. 6074) expanded the Small Business Act's definition of a disaster to include Coronavirus (COVID-19). As a result, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will be able to provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) under a Governor's Certification Disaster Declaration. In order for SBA to issue an EIDL declaration, the Governor must submit a written request to SBA with supporting economic injury loss information that certifies at least five (5) small businesses in a disaster area have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the disaster.

Information on this assistance is attached to this communication.