



# Department of Safety and Inspections

*Information related to Governor Walz's Executive Order 20-04  
Providing for Temporary Closure of Bars, Restaurants, and Other Places of  
Public Accommodation effective March 17-27, 2020*

The City of Saint Paul continues to monitor the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus in our community and we are coordinating with our partners at Ramsey County Public health and the Minnesota Department of Health to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 for our residents, employees and businesses.

On March 16, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Executive Order 20-04, providing for the temporary closure of bars, restaurants and other places of public accommodation.

On the basis of that order, the City of Saint Paul is working to ensure businesses are aware of the new restrictions, designed to protect the health and safety of all Minnesotans. Please find excerpts and guidance from the Order below:

Between March 17, 2020 at 5:00 pm and March 27, 2020 at 5:00 pm

The following places of public accommodation **are closed to ingress, egress, use, and occupancy by members of the public:**

- a. Restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, and other places of public accommodation offering food or beverage for on-premises consumption, excluding institutional or in-house food cafeterias that serve residents, employees, and clients of businesses, childcare facilities, hospitals, and long term care facilities.
- b. Bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, clubs, and other places of public accommodation offering alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.
- c. Hookah bars, cigar bars, and vaping lounges offering products for on premises consumption.
- d. Theaters, cinemas, indoor and outdoor performance venues, and museums.
- e. Gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, and spas.
- f. Amusement parks, arcades, bingo halls, bowling alleys, indoor climbing facilities, skating rinks, trampoline parks, and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities.
- g. Clubs – including golf, boating or yacht, sports or athletic, and dining.

2. Places of public accommodation subject to this Executive Order **may offer food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service,** and to use precautions in doing so to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing. In offering food or beverage, a place of public accommodation subject to this section **may permit up to five members of the public at one time in the place of public**

accommodation for the purpose of picking up their food or beverage orders, so long as those individuals are at least six feet apart from one another while on premises.

3. This Order does not prohibit an employee, contractor, vendor, or supplier of a place of public accommodation from using/occupying a place of public accommodation in a professional capacity.

4. The restrictions imposed by this Executive Order do not apply to any of the following:

- a. Places of public accommodation that offer food and beverage not for on premises consumption, including grocery stores, markets, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and food pantries, other than those portions of the place of public accommodation subject to the requirements of section 1;
- b. Health care facilities, child care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities;
- c. Crisis shelters, soup kitchens, or similar institutions; and
- d. Restaurants and food courts inside the secured zones of airports.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.45, a person who willfully violates paragraphs 1 of this Executive Order is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction must be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

For questions or information about resources for businesses, please call 651-266-8989.