

State of Louisiana
Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control

John Bel Edwards
Governor



Juana Marine-Lombard
Commissioner

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COVID-19

LIQUOR SALES ARE NOT SUSPENDED

Recently, the ATC has received numerous calls regarding a rumor that all alcohol sales would be suspended. This pandemic has taken a devastating toll on the State of Louisiana, both in terms of the health of our citizens as well as the health of our economy. ATC is carefully considering all options to strike the appropriate balance between protecting the public health, safety and welfare and preventing further economic loss to businesses than what is necessary.

However, recent rumors related to the suspension of all liquor or alcohol beverage sales are false. Currently there has been no order to cease alcohol sales. ATC is actively working with businesses to help them remain open with limitation. Currently, all Class A-Restaurant, conditional restaurants, and Class B or C permit holders may continue to operate in accordance with the guidance and restrictions put forth in notices posted to ATC's website since March 16th. We urge all permit holders to continue to monitor ATC's website for up-to-date and accurate information.

We understand the concern and uncertainty you may be experiencing surrounding the coronavirus and remain committed to being responsive to the needs of the public. This policy will remain effective unless otherwise notified and is subject to change as the situation evolves.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to this matter, please contact ATC at (225) 925-4041.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juana Marine-Lombard".

Juana Marine-Lombard
ATC Commissioner