

State of Louisiana

Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control

John Bel Edwards
Governor



Juana Marine Lombard
Commissioner

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DUE TO COVID-19 (“Coronavirus”)

ATC will expedite the issuance of Delivery Permits

In response to the expanding outbreak of COVID-19, Governor John Bel Edwards along with local leaders has declared a temporary shutdown of bars, casinos, and movie theaters through April 13, 2020. This order applies to all Class A-General (AG) permit holders, with the exceptions of existing drive through daiquiri shops and restaurants granted conditional use permits. The order also limits restaurant functions to take-out, delivery, or drive through service only. Accordingly, Businesses and their employees are urged to limit physical contact with the public and adhere to the social distancing policy.

On a temporary basis, ATC will allow restaurant permit holders to sell or offer for sale pre-packaged beer and/or wine through drive through or curbside pick-up. Any restaurant intending to offer delivery of food with beer or wine by their own employees may submit to the ATC an application for alcohol delivery. ATC will prioritize the processing of all delivery applications. Businesses are encouraged to submit their applications online but may also submit applications by mail or via email directly to ATC-Attorneys@atc.la.gov.

We understand that this is a challenging time but are urging businesses to consider the health and welfare of their employees and customers as Louisiana is under a state of emergency. Governor Edwards and local leaders have issued proclamations which have the weight of law. It is intended to restrict social gathering to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Any licensee failing to comply with these proclamations may risk having their permit summarily suspended for endangering the public health, safety, and welfare under LSA. R.S. 49:961(c). 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. We will update this policy 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 Lombard".

Juana Lombard
ATC Commissioner