



Reopening of On-premises Dining in Restaurants Beginning Friday, April 24

The Alaska CHARR Executive Committee, with ABC Board chair Glenn Brady, met with Governor Dunleavy and his team to discuss a methodical, multi-phased reopening of on-premises dining and drinking in Alaska businesses. Our team put together [a list of recommendations](#) for his team, with the primary goals of providing continued maximum support for a suffering industry, preservation of public health and safety, and encouraging implementation of adequate measures to prevent a secondary industry-wide closure.

The Governor announced during tonight's press conference that restaurants will be able to open for limited on-premises dining beginning this Friday, April 24.

Important Notes:

Alaska CHARR is putting together educational materials, including guidelines and best practices, that will be available soon.

Check your current local government mandates – they might be more restrictive than current State mandates, to include prohibition of on-premises dining and/or additional restrictions and requirements.

If your local mandates allow you to open, and you decide to resume on-premises dining operations beginning this Friday, **be safe and be smart; please do not bend or shortcut health and safety measures; please do not abuse this opportunity and create justification for a second complete industry shutdown.**

Alaska's COVID-19 health mandates can be found [here](#), and specific details about requirements will not be available until tomorrow, at which time we will send out another industry email update. We do know that at minimum, the following restrictions and additional requirements will be in place during the first phase of reopening:

Indoor seating: up to 25% of normal maximum capacity permitted

Outdoor seating: maximum of 20 tables

Dining is by reservation only, and parties are limited to household members

Social distancing must be maintained, there must be 10ft of space between tables, and staff must wear face coverings

Frequent handwashing and sanitization is required

Restaurants should encourage take-out and systems that minimize contact

Bars, theaters, bowling alleys, and other entertainment areas are required to remain closed at this time

Bi-weekly Industry Calls

If you were not able to join us for today's industry update call featuring tax expert Chad Estes of BDO, a recording is available online at the following link:

[April 21 Industry Update Call](#)

We will be hosting another industry call on **Thursday, April 23 at 1:00pm**, with special guest Aaron Frazier of the National Restaurant Association who will be discussing updates at the federal level.

We would love to see your smiling face there!

Zoom:

[April 23 Industry Update Invitation](#)

Meeting ID: 961 0041 7258

Password: CHARR

or

Call in at 1-301-715-8592

Password: 552170

ABC Board Meeting

The Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board has an emergency meeting scheduled **tomorrow, April 22 at 1:00pm** to discuss COVID-19 related issues. They plan to clarify some of the temporary emergency regulations, and to discuss administrative procedures and coordination with the Governor's office regarding reopening of on-premises drinking and dining at Alaska businesses.

To listen to the meeting, call 1-800-315-6338 (Access Code 69173#)

Growler and Crowler Best Practices Webinar

As many on-premises members of the industry are – for the first time – offering growlers and crowlers to their customers, the Brewer's Guild of Alaska will be hosting a webinar to teach beginners best practices and procedures for take-out beer orders.

Join Presenter and Chair of Arizona Craft Brewers Guild Technical Committee, Campbell Morrissy, as he focuses on reusable growler sanitation during COVID-19, can seaming and filling best practices for establishments pivoting to a to-go only model.

The webinar will take place Friday, April 24 at 3:00pm

[Click here to join via Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 928 2271 8707

Password: BGAAlaska

IRS Economic Impact Payment Discussion

On Thursday, April 23 at 10:00am, the IRS will be offering a free webinar hosted by Commissioner Chuck Rettig, regarding the Economic Impact Payment for small businesses.

If you would like to learn more and register, [click here](#).

National Restaurant Association Daily Update

[Here is a link](#) to the most recent daily update from the National Restaurant Association.