



Reopening Alaska Responsibly, Phase 2

(Restaurant Updates & Bars Reopening) Beginning Friday, May 8

The Alaska CHARR Executive Committee, with our President & CEO Sarah Oates and ABC Board chair Glenn Brady, met with Governor Dunleavy and his team to discuss Phase 2 of the State's Reopening Alaska Responsibly plan. Phase 2 – which loosens some restrictions on restaurants and allows bars to reopen – went into effect today, Friday, May 8. The Alaska CHARR team worked with federal, state, and local government officials and experts to produce the following reopening guidance documents for your use, which will help ensure that you meet all Phase 2 requirements for reopening a restaurant or bar for on-premises dining and/or drinking. We will continue to update these documents as requirements and restrictions change during subsequent phases.

Below you will find:

Detailed reopening guidance:
[COVID-19 Reopening Guidance](#)

Mitigation plan checklists (this can be completed and used as your required Phase 2 mitigation plan, or just used as a starting point to produce your own):

[Phase 2 Mitigation Plan Checklist for Restaurants](#)

[Phase 2 Mitigation Plan Checklist for Bars](#)

A daily log for employee symptom screening:

[Employee Screening Log](#)

Two options for required COVID symptoms signage:

[Symptoms Notice Option 1](#)

[Symptoms Notice Option 2](#)

Two options for postable capacity limits:

[Phase 2 Capacity Option 1](#)

[Phase 2 Capacity Option 2](#)

[Important Notes:](#)

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 (eg: the Municipality of Anchorage will not allow re-opening of bars until Monday, May 11).

If your local mandates allow you to open, and you decide to resume on-premises operations this weekend, be safe and be smart.

PLEASE do not bend or shortcut any health and safety measures.

PLEASE make the most of this opportunity by **following every single requirement and restriction if you choose to open.**

PLEASE do not create justification for a second complete industry shutdown. Many businesses cannot survive that.

PLEASE [go above and beyond](#) – be the definition of exemplary. Hospitality is an unbelievable industry, and our team has been incredibly proud to witness your generosity, patience, resilience, adaptability, kindness, and support for one another and your communities through this crisis – even under the most desperate and dire of circumstances. We know that will continue for generations to come.

PLEASE know that [our team is here for you now more than ever](#). We continue to advocate at every level of government for more assistance for business owners and employees. [Stay tuned](#).

Alaska's COVID-19 health mandates can be found [here](#).

[Bi-weekly Industry Calls](#)

We will be hosting an industry call on **Tuesday, May 12** at 1:00pm.
We would love to see your smiling face there!

[Link to May 12 Call Invitation](#)

Meeting ID: 886 3759 0376

Password: CHARR

or

Call in at 1-346-248-7799

Meeting ID: 886 3759 0376

Password: 428914

If you were not able to join us for yesterday's industry update call where we discussed Phase 2 of the Reopen Alaska Responsibly plan and ABC Board updates, a recording is available online at the following link:

[May 7 Industry Update Call](#)

Special ABC Board Meeting

The Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board had an emergency meeting on May 6, where they made two significant decisions that businesses and employees need to be aware of:

- TAP or other alcohol server cards that expired between March 15, 2020 and May 6, 2020 must be renewed no later than **June 22, 2020**. Cards with any other expiration date must be renewed before the expiration date noted on the card. See [this advisory notice](#) for more information.
- AMCO will be creating a new form for businesses to complete if they wish to temporarily modify their premises diagrams to comply with COVID-19 health mandates, or to expand into outdoor areas. There will be no fee for these temporary changes, the licensee will be required to submit a diagram and security plan, changes will not require local governing body approval, and the premises will be subject to an electronic inspection prior to approval. AMCO plans to review and approve these as quickly as possible. Permanent or longer-term changes to premises layouts will be required to go through the normal process. AMCO will post the new form and instructions to [its website](#) once it's available.

AMCO also released an additional [advisory notice](#) this week that expired Alaska IDs may be accepted with additional documentation under certain circumstances. Please review the notice for additional information.

SBA Update on PPP Loan Forgiveness

The SBA issued a new update to their Q&A on the PPP Loan program, and one of the new Q&As states that the SBA will not reduce loan forgiveness for employers who attempt to rehire employees but those employees decline to be rehired:

Question: *Will a borrower's PPP loan forgiveness amount (pursuant to section 1106 of the CARES Act and SBA's implementing rules and guidance) be reduced if the borrower laid off an employee, offered to rehire the same employee, but the employee declined the offer?*

Answer: *No. As an exercise of the Administrator's and the Secretary's authority under Section 1106(d)(6) of the CARES Act to prescribe regulations granting de minimis exemptions from the Act's limits on loan forgiveness, SBA and Treasury intend to issue an interim final rule excluding laid-off employees whom the borrower offered to rehire (for the same salary/wages and same number of hours) from the CARES Act's loan forgiveness reduction calculation. The interim final rule will specify that, to qualify for this exception, the borrower must have made a good faith, written offer of rehire, and the employee's rejection of that offer must be documented by the borrower. Employees and employers should be aware that employees who reject offers of re-employment may forfeit eligibility for continued unemployment compensation.*