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COVID-19 — GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATIONS — AUGUST 27, 2020

Governor Reynolds proclaimed a State of Disaster Emergency on March 9, 2020, in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 following a national public health emergency declaration issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on January 31, 2020, and multiple individuals within the State of Iowa testing presumptive positive for COVID-19. The Governor issued an additional Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 13, 2020, establishing a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency.

On August 27, 2020, the Governor issued an additional [Proclamation of Disaster Emergency](#), which, in addition to encouraging all Iowans ages two or older to wear a mask or other face covering when in public settings, ordered the following measures effective in the counties of Black Hawk, Dallas, Johnson, Linn, Polk, and Story:

- Restaurants may reopen or remain open under the following requirements:
 - An establishment serving alcoholic beverages must also prepare and serve food to all customers, and the sale of alcoholic beverages must be no more than half of the establishment's current monthly revenues.
 - Sales or service of alcoholic beverages must not occur on the premises outside the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, or 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday.
 - Establishments must ensure at least six feet of physical space between groups and individuals dining alone, and all patrons must have a seat at a table or bar.
 - Establishments must implement reasonable measures to ensure social distancing, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.
- All bars, taverns, wineries, breweries, distilleries, night clubs, and other establishments that sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises shall be closed to the general public except under the following requirements:
 - Food and beverages may be made available for carry-out, drive-through, or delivery to the extent permitted by law.
 - An establishment closed to the general public may continue to serve food and beverages at a private gathering so long as the establishment complies with all requirements established for restaurants in this Proclamation.
 - Establishments for which the sale of food results in at least half of the establishment's monthly revenue may remain open for the service of food and beverages. For the purpose of this provision, the monthly revenues of a brewery, distillery, or winery shall not include sales of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption.
 - Bars located in hotels, casinos, movie theaters, sporting venues, or other establishments not required to close by this Proclamation must close, but establishments may continue to provide beverages to patrons on casino floors, individual theaters, or in an individual's hotel room provided that such service complies with all relevant requirements established in the public health proclamation issued on August 21, 2020.

For additional information regarding the Proclamation of a State Disaster Emergency, see the LSA [Legal Background Briefing](#).

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