



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Public Safety Update (March 25, 2020)

Food Service Compliance with Take-Out and Delivery Only Mandate

Plumas County has received numerous reports of food and beverage facilities that are not in compliance with Governor and California Department of Public Health mandates. The mandate specifically prohibits onsite food or drink consumption, but does allow businesses to remain open under special, limited circumstances. If you choose to remain open, not following these requirements may result in enforcement action including fines, misdemeanor charges, and closure of your facility. We understand that this is difficult time, and we thank you for your cooperation during this public health emergency.

Special Conditions to Remain Open

- Restaurants, bars, wineries, breweries and pubs are limited to take out service or delivery sales. Onsite food or beverage consumption is prohibited.
- Customers must comply with six (6) feet social distancing requirements at all times. Customers are not permitted to linger at the bar, cash register, or door of the business.
- Owners are encouraged to serve just one customer at a time. You may wish to provide tape, ropes, or other barriers to ensure proper spacing of customer such as at the cash register.
- Remind employees of best hygiene practices including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Increase frequency of cleaning and sanitizing per CDC Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection guidance of all hard surfaces, including tables and counter tops that are being utilized by employees and patrons during pickup/delivery options.
- The full California Department of Public Health Guidance can be found at the following link: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR20-024.aspx>

Enforcement Provisions

On March 16, 2020, the California Department of Public Health directed “[B]ars, wineries, breweries and pubs should be closed, except for venues that are currently authorized to provide off sale beer and wine to be consumed off premises are allowed.”

This guidance from the California Department of Public Health became an enforceable law on March 19, 2020 with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-33-20.

The law requires bars, wineries, breweries and pubs be closed, except for venues that are currently authorized to provide off sale beer and wine to be consumed off premises.

Failure to comply with these orders is a misdemeanor under Government Code Sec. 8665 and is punishable by up to six months in county jail and a fine of up to \$1,000 plus penalty assessment.