

State of Louisiana
Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control

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PHASE TWO: PROHIBITION ON PRIVATE PARTIES/GATHERINGS AT BARS & OTHER BUSINESSES HOLDING CLASS A-GENERAL PERMITS

The Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (“ATC”) has recently received an influx of questions from bars and other Class A-General permit holders concerning the propriety of allowing private parties/gatherings on their premises under the restrictions set forth under Governor Edwards’ Order, Proclamation No. 96 JBE 2020. Pursuant to this guidance, all bars or businesses holding a Class A-General permit, with or without a food service permit from the Louisiana Department of Health (“LDH”), shall be required to close all on premises consumption services through August 7, 2020 unless otherwise notified, but are permitted to offer curbside or drive-thru services, including alcoholic beverages.

Bars and other businesses holding Class A-General permits are subject to all applicable laws and regulations at all times, regardless as to whether they are open to the public or not. Thus, bars and other businesses holding Class A-General permits are prohibited from allowing on premises consumption services by renting out their premises or otherwise allowing persons to congregate on their premises for private parties/gatherings.

ATC remains committed to serving the public and appreciates the patience that permit-holders have exhibited. We look forward to the day when the State returns to normal operations. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact ATC at 225-925-4041.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "ERNEST LEGIER".

Ernest Legier

ATC Commissioner