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## ADVISORY CONCERNING INDOOR CONSUMPTION AT TRUCK-STOP CASINOS

ATC has received numerous inquiries concerning the indoor consumption of alcohol at truck-stop casinos under current Modified Phase 2 Guidelines. Under Proclamation No. 209 JBE 2020, truck-stop casinos are categorized under "Casinos, Racetracks and Video Poker Establishments," with no more than 50% of its gaming positions and/or devices being in use at any one time, and with all utilized gaming positions and/or devices being situated at least six (6) feet apart from one another.

If located in a parish that is prohibited from having indoor consumption under Modified Phase 2 Guidelines, truck-stop casino patrons may be served, but not sold, alcoholic beverages while they are seated and playing at gaming positions and/or devices, and such patrons shall remain seated while consuming alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the playing of such gaming positions and/or devices. Such patrons shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth while inside of the establishment. Walk-up service at the bar, to the extent one is present, is prohibited, and the hours in which alcohol may be served are 8 a.m. through 11 p.m.

It should be noted that indoor consumption in this manner is only permitted for patrons engaged in playing gaming positions and/or devices. Patrons not engaged in the playing of such gaming positions and/or devices are prohibited from being inside of the premises altogether if the truck-stop casino is located in a parish that is prohibited from having indoor consumption under Modified Phase 2 Guidelines. Those waiting to play gaming positions and/or devices inside of the establishment shall wait their turn to play either by waiting outside while maintaining social distancing, or by waiting inside of their vehicles.

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,

Ernest P. Legier, Jr., Commissioner Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control