

State of Louisiana
Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control

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Commissioner

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**DUE TO COVID-19 (“Coronavirus”)
RESTUARANTS MAY OFFER PACKAGED BEER & WINE
WITH CURBSIDE PICK-UP OR DELIVERY**

Last week, in light of the increase number of COVID-19 cases in Louisiana, Governor Edwards ordered closures of certain businesses and restricted the function of restaurants. On March 16, 2020 and in consideration of this change, ATC announced that on a temporary basis, Class A-Restaurant permit holders would be permitted to sell or offer for sale pre-packaged beer and wine via drive thru service or curbside pick-up.

ATC has received numerous inquiries on whether curbside delivery/pick-up would require an ATC delivery permit. ATC has determined that only businesses who intend to deliver off-site or direct to residential homes are required to apply for a delivery permit prior to engaging in delivery. Current permit holders who only intend to offer curbside and who do not deliver off their premises may conduct this service without any additional application, fees, or notification.

However, any restaurant intending to offer delivery of food with beer or wine by their own employees may submit to the ATC an application for alcohol delivery. ATC will prioritize the processing of all delivery applications. Businesses are encouraged to submit their applications online but may also submit applications by mail or via email directly to ATC-Attorneys@atc.la.gov.

We understand that this is a challenging time but are urging businesses to consider the health and welfare of their employees and customers as Louisiana is under a state of emergency. Governor Edwards and local leaders have issued proclamations which have the weight of law. It is intended to restrict social gathering to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Any licensee failing to comply with these proclamations may risk having their permit summarily suspended for endangering the public health, safety, and welfare under LSA. R.S. 49:961(c). We understand the concern and uncertainty you may be experiencing surrounding the coronavirus and remain committed to being responsive to the needs of the public. We will update this policy as the situation evolves.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to this matter, please contact ATC at (225) 925-4041.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juana Lombard".

Juana Lombard
ATC Commissioner