



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



To all Food Establishments:

As I am sure you are already aware, Governor Charlie Baker released an order on March 15, 2020 which restricts on-premises consumption of food or drink beginning **Tuesday, March 17, 2020**.

The order states: "Any restaurant, bar, or establishment that offers food or drink **shall not permit on-premises consumption** of food or drink; provided, that such establishments **may continue to offer** food for **take-out and by delivery** provided that they follow social distancing protocols that allow individuals to stay 6 feet apart."

This order **does not** pertain to establishments that are considered grocery stores or pharmacies.

This state-wide order is effective **March 17, 2020** and will remain in effect until **April 6, 2020** unless otherwise noted. The official order can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-15-2020-large-gatherings-25-and-restaurants-order/download>.

If any food establishment in Needham is found to be in violation of this order, the establishment will be ordered to shut down immediately.

If you have questions about this order, please contact Diana Acosta (dacosta@needhamma.gov) or Tara Gurge (tgurge@needhamma.gov). The Needham Public Health Division will continue sending updates on any changes to this order.

To stay updated on COVID-19 developments, please visit the following websites: Needham Public Health Division: www.needhamma.gov/85/Public-Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health: <https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19> , and CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Best,

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