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**TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH OFFICIALS
DISCUSS NC GOVERNOR'S ORDER 169 REGARDING
OUTDOOR SEATING WITH LOCAL BARS**

Town of Wrightsville Beach Officials have been in contact with the owners of all of the bars within the Town to discuss the Governor's Order 169 and the owners' intentions with regard to opening outdoor seating areas. This contact included a discussion regarding the compliance of all of the provisions related to the opening of outdoor seating areas within the Order.

The Governor's Executive Order 169 mandates the following with regard to bar outdoor seating:

Bars, Night Spots, and Arenas.

a. This Subsection applies to the following:

- Bars
- Lounges (such as cigar bars and hookah lounges) in which tobacco or related products are consumed on premises
- Auditoriums, amphitheaters, arenas, and other venues for live performances
- Music halls, night clubs, or dance halls
- Adult entertainment facilities
- Spectator stands and viewing areas at a sporting facility, stadium, sporting complex, or speedway

b. Must be Seated. A facility covered by this Subsection is closed unless it is or becomes a seated establishment for Guests.

c. Indoor Restrictions.

1. Bars.

- Bars indoor seating areas and indoor amenities (such as pool and billiards tables) must be closed.
- Bars must not serve alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in any indoor area on their premises.

2. Non-Bar Night Spots and Arenas.

- Indoor seating areas at all other facilities covered by this Subsection may be open, but are restricted to 25 Guests per facility.
- All facilities covered by this Subsection must not serve alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in any indoor area on their premises.

d. Outdoor Restrictions.

1. Bars, Night Spots, and Arenas.

- Outdoor seating areas may be open at Bars and all other facilities covered by this Subsection. Guests in outdoor areas must be limited to the lesser of:
 - 100 people for the total seating area (or, if there are multiple fields of play or stages, per field of play or per stage); or
 - Thirty percent (30%) of the facility's stated outdoor occupancy before reductions under this Executive Order (or, for spaces without a stated outdoor occupancy, no more than seven (7) Guests for every one thousand (1000) square feet of the outdoor area's square footage).
- A facility covered by this Subsection may serve alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in outdoor seating areas on its premises, subject to applicable local and state regulations.

e. Interpretation of Capacity Restrictions in this Subsection.

1. Workers, entertainers, athletes, and any other support staff do not count toward the capacity limits stated in Subsections 3.2(c) and 3.2(d) immediately above.

2. Any facility that meets the definition of "Restaurant" in this Executive Order is covered by Subsection 3 .13 of this Executive Order and not this Subsection.
3. A facility is excepted from the limits stated in this Subsection if it is a Very Large Outdoor Facility covered by Section 6 of this Executive Order.
4. Outdoor amenities may be open at Bars and other facilities covered by this Subsection.
5. Nothing in this Executive Order prevents establishments from opening up or expanding outdoor seating areas, subject to applicable local and state regulations. 12

f. Social Distancing Requirements.

1. Space Out Guests. Each group of Guests must be seated so that they are spaced out by six (6) feet in all directions from other groups of Guests. Each group of Guests sitting at a counter should be separated from other groups by six (6) feet. Entertainers also must stay at least six (6) feet away from any Guest.
2. Ordering Area. Bars not using wait staff must designate an ordering area at the bar. This area must allow each Guest to wait six (6) feet apart from other Guests. If necessary, Guests may place their orders by coming inside the Bar's building; however, Guests must consume their beverages in outdoor seating areas only.

g. Face Coverings. All workers and Guests must wear Face Coverings when they are or may be within the facility.

h. Other Requirements. Facilities covered by this Subsection must:

1. Restrict late night service of alcoholic beverages as stated in Section 4 of this Executive Order.
2. Follow the restrictions set out in Sections 3.13 of this Executive Order for any food or beverage service.
3. Mark six (6) feet of spacing in lines at high-traffic areas for Guests.
4. Promote frequent use of hand-washing and hand sanitizer for wait staff and food service staff throughout the shift and upon reporting to work. Hand washing must at least meet the requirements specified in the North Carolina Food Code Manual.

5. Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol) at the entrance and at other areas throughout the premises as needed. Promote frequent use of handwashing and hand sanitizer for workers and Guests. 6. Increase disinfection during peak times or high Guest density times, and disinfect all shared objects (e.g., payment terminals, tables, countertops/bars, receipt trays, and reusable menus) between use.
6. Follow all applicable requirements in NCDHHS guidelines.
7. Follow the Core Signage, Screening and Sanitation Requirements as defined in this Executive Order.

i. Miscellaneous Provisions on Bars.

1. Clarifications. People sitting at a table need not be members of the same household and do not need to stay six (6) feet apart. Moreover, this Executive Order does not require wait staff to stay six (6) feet away from Guests.
2. Off-Site Consumption. This Executive Order does not direct the closure of retail beverage venues that provide for the sale of beer wine, and liquor for offsite consumption only. It also does not require the closure of production operations at breweries, wineries, or distilleries.