

County of Tulare  
Health & Human Services Agency  
Public Health Branch



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**Public Health Officer Order for Tulare County,  
Closing Bars, Pubs, Brewpubs, and Breweries  
July 1, 2020**

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California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap classifies bars, pubs, brewpubs, and breweries as establishments with a higher risk of COVID-19 transmission for the individuals congregated in these establishments. Specifically, such establishments create an environment featuring high levels of mixing of individuals from different households, often in very close proximity. Further, persons are unable to wear masks while drinking beverages and must often speak loudly and forcefully in order to be heard due to high noise levels, increasing the likelihood of greater projection of orally emitted viral droplets. Contact tracing, a key measure needed to control spread, is also extremely difficult based on exposure at a bar due to constant mixing among persons, including unknowing prolonged and close contact, and lack of record-keeping of patron attendance. Finally, alcohol reduces inhibitions and is associated with risky behaviors including reduced compliance with physical distancing precautions and other personal protective measures. There is a growing body of evidence tracing COVID-19 outbreaks to such businesses in both urban and rural areas. Thus, while these businesses represent a valued part of the fabric of our county, unfortunately these characteristics contribute to an environment with substantially increased risks for COVID-19 transmission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, as Local Public Health Officer, order:

1. Tulare County shall close all bars, pubs, brewpubs, and breweries that do not offer sit-down, dine-in meals. During this closure:
  - a. Bars, pubs, brewpubs, and breweries that offer sit-down, dine-in meals must comply with the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") [dine-in restaurant guidance](#) and may sell alcohol only in the same transaction as a meal.
  - b. Bars, pubs, brewpubs, and breweries that do not offer sit-down, dine-in meals may remain open if they contract with another vendor to provide sit-down, dine-in meals as long as both businesses comply with the CDPH [dine-in restaurant guidance](#) and alcohol is only sold in the same transaction as a meal.
  - c. All bars, pubs, brewpubs, and breweries that offer sit-down, dine-in meals, whether as part of their normal operations or by way of contract with another vendor, should continue to encourage takeout and delivery service whenever possible.
  - d. Any business that is currently authorized to sell beer, wine, and spirits to be consumed off-premises that does not offer sit-down, dine-in meals must follow the CDPH [guidance for retail operations](#).

These businesses must only offer curbside sales until local and/or statewide rules allow additional retail activity.

e. Any business that produces beer, wine or spirits must follow the CDPH [guidance for manufacturing operations](#).

2. For purposes of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. Bars include those establishments with type 40, 41, 42, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 73, 75, 99, or similar licenses from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (“ABC”);
- b. Pubs include those establishments defined as “Bars” herein;
- c. Brewpubs include those establishments with type 23, 75, or similar licenses from ABC;
- d. Breweries include those establishments with type 01, 02, 03, 04, 07, 08, 23, 74, or similar licenses from ABC;
- e. Businesses that are currently authorized to sell beer, wine, and spirits to be consumed off-premises include those establishments with type 20, 21, or similar licenses from ABC; and
- f. Businesses that produces beer, wine or spirits include those establishments with type 01, 02, 03, 04, 07, 08, 23, 74, or similar licenses from ABC.

3. These closures shall remain in effect in Tulare County at least until CDPH removes Tulare County from the County Monitoring List.

4. Pursuant to the authority under State of California Executive Order N-60-20, and Health and Safety Code sections 120130(c), 120175, 120195, 120200, 120210, 120215, and 120220, this order is to go into effect immediately and shall stay in effect until further notice.

5. This Order shall be immediately translated into Spanish, and accommodations made for disabled persons to read its contents; it shall also be distributed to all local media and made prominently available on the County of Tulare’s website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 1, 2020 at 1:10 p.m.



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Approved as to Form:  
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By /s/ Jeffrey L. Kuhn  
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