



Town of Sturbridge Health Department



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March 16, 2020

Dear Sturbridge Food Establishments:

In this time of ever-changing Orders and Guidance from the State level, we want to be sure all food establishments are fully aware of the Order by the Governor prohibiting gatherings of more than 25 people and on-premises consumption of food or drink.

Effective Tuesday March 17, 2020: "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 the social distancing protocols set forth in Department of Public Health guidance." In addition: "...all persons are urged to maintain social distancing (approximately six feet away from other people) whenever possible and to continue to wash hands, utilize hand sanitizer and practice proper respiratory etiquette."

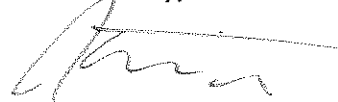
Food handlers should continue to follow good hygiene practices and should be restricted or excluded from handling food when symptoms include sore throat with fever, diarrhea or vomiting.

Our recommendation is that establishments use their best judgment in this time of change and uncertainty when it comes to serving our community. We anticipate your questions and look forward to offering you any guidance we can along the way. To that end, please contact us on our cell phones as we will be working tirelessly until this situation is resolved:

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Sincerely,



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