



NORTH CAROLINA ALCOHOL LAW ENFORCEMENT

**Be A Responsible Seller/Server (B.A.R.S.)
COVID-19 / Executive Order 204 Instructions**

Parameters of Executive Order 204



For all locations which hold ABC permits for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages, the restrictions on the late night sale of alcohol has been lifted. Businesses should abide by NC General Statutes as they applied prior to the pandemic.



The following restrictions apply specifically to restaurants, breweries, and distilleries:

- Outdoor seating areas are limited to 100% of the stated fire capacity.
- Indoor seating areas are limited to 75% of the stated fire capacity.
- Face covering and social distancing mandates for employees and patrons remain as set forth in previous executive orders.

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The following restrictions apply specifically to bars and lounges:

- Under this Executive Order, the Emergency Maximum Occupancy for a facility is the lowest number produced by applying the following tests.
- Exterior areas of bars and lounges may operate at 50% of the stated fire capacity for each outdoor space controlled by the facility. For rooms or spaces without a stated fire capacity, the limit on guests is twelve people per one thousand square feet.
- The facility must limit the number of guests in the space so that groups can stay six feet apart.

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Restrictions applying to bars and lounges continued:

- Interior areas of bars and lounges may operate at 50% of the stated fire capacity for each building, room, or other indoor space controlled by the facility. This limit applies separately to each room within a building. For rooms or spaces without a stated fire capacity, the limit on guests is twelve guests per one thousand square feet.
- The facility must limit the number of guests in the space so that groups can stay six feet apart.
- On premise consumption of alcoholic beverages must be in the seated position.
- Amenities such as pool and darts are allowed as long as social distancing and face covering requirements are observed.

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- For all locations holding mixed beverage on premise ABC permits, the allowance for selling mixed beverages to go remains in effect.
- Locations wishing to sell mixed beverages to go shall abide by provisions set forth in previous Executive Orders.

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Health and Safety requirements for ABC Establishments

- 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 hand-washing and hand sanitizer for workers and guests.
- 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
- The facility must arrange the space so that guests sitting at a counter or table are not within six feet of any guests sitting at another counter or table. Moreover, each group of guests sitting at a counter should be separated from other groups by six feet. Entertainers also must stay at least six feet away from any guest.

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Health and Safety requirements for ABC Establishments continued:

- Follow all applicable requirements set forth in the NCDHHS guidelines
- Follow the Core Signage, Screening and Sanitation Requirements as defined in this Executive Order.



Contact Information



North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement

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