



Greene County Public Health

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Stay At Home Orders

Effective at 11:59 p.m. on March 23, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2020, unless the order is modified, all persons are ordered to stay at home unless engaged in essential work or activity. Food businesses are impacted by this order in the following ways:

- All places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, including, but not limited to, locations with amusement rides, carnivals, amusement parks, water parks, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, playgrounds, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, movie and other theaters, concert and music halls, and country clubs/social clubs shall be closed. All food businesses that operate within at any of these venues are required to close;
- Businesses that sell groceries, including grocery stores, certified farmer's markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of groceries, canned food, dry goods, frozen foods, fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh meats, fish, poultry, and prepared food are considered essential and may remain open;
- Gas stations may remain open and may sell food/beverages from those locations;
- Businesses that provide delivery services for groceries, food, beverages, etc. may remain in business for the purposes of delivering these items;
- Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, **but only for consumption off-premises**, through such means as in-house delivery, 3rd-party delivery, drive-through, curbside pick-up and carry-out may remain open. Schools and other entities that typically provide food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so under these orders, on the condition that food is provided to students or members of the public on a **pick-up and takeaway basis only**. Schools and other entities that provide food **shall not permit** food to be eaten at the site where the food is provided, or at any other gathering site;
- Hotels/motels may provide food to their lodgers via delivery (*room service*) or carry-out food services only;
- In all food businesses (*except grocery stores, convenience stores, supermarkets*), any gathering of more than **ten (10) people** is prohibited. This prohibition **does** apply to all food operations (restaurants, pizza places, quick serve, etc.);
- If customers are permitted within your facility waiting to pick up their takeout food order, the 6-foot social distancing requirement must be designated. This **includes** grocery stores, supermarkets, etc. where customers are standing in line at the checkout. This may be accomplished via signage, tape, or by other means to ensure that the 6-foot requirement is maintained for the employees and customers; and,
- The Ohio Department of Health continues to recommend that any self-serve salad bars, buffets, etc. at any food business be suspended until further notice. This recommendation also applies to any self-serve stations where open foods exist (e.g. – hotdog rollers, donuts, coffee, espresso, etc.).

If you have any questions regarding these new requirements, please contact Greene County Public Health. Keep up to date with vital information on our weblink at: http://healthalert.gcph.info/public_alerts/coronavirus/food_operations. Also keep up to date by visiting our social media posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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