

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13

Limits on Places of Public Accommodation

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 10 was executed on March 13, 2020, declaring a state of emergency in St. Louis County relating to the immediate and significant risk posed to the health, safety, and wellbeing of the people of St. Louis County that is presented by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 11 was executed on March 15, 2020, further restricting public gatherings and containing other appropriate provisions;

WHEREAS, to limit the spread of COVID-19, to protect the public health, and to provide essential protections to the people of St. Louis County, it is reasonable and necessary to impose limited and temporary restrictions on the use of certain places of public accommodation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Page, County Executive, St. Louis County, Missouri, do hereby **ORDER** and **DECLARE** the following:

1. Beginning immediately upon execution of this order, all places of public accommodation shall institute appropriate health and safety protections including social distancing techniques (*e.g.*, requiring people to be at least six feet apart; reducing the number of employees, customers, or other people present; reducing face-to-face contact; using phone calls, virtual meetings, and drop-offs/curbside pickups rather than in-person contact).

2. Beginning at or before 12:01 A.M. on March 20, 2020, the following places of public accommodation are closed to ingress, egress, use, and occupancy by members of the public:

- a. Restaurants, food establishments, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, and other places of public accommodation offering food or beverage for on-premises consumption; and

- b. Bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, special licensees, clubs, and other places of public accommodation offering alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

3. Every place of public accommodation described in Paragraph 2 or its subparagraphs is encouraged to offer food and beverage service to the public using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service, so long as every such person involved implements appropriate precautions to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing techniques. In offering food or beverage service, every place of public accommodation described in Paragraph 2 or its subparagraphs may permit up to 10 members of the public at one time in the place of public accommodation for the purpose of picking up their food or beverage orders, so long as any such member of the public is at least six feet apart from other people while on premises to the extent possible. Unless otherwise ordered by the Director of the Department of Public Health, St. Louis County shall not enforce any provision of an ordinance, permit, or other restriction that would, as applied to the specific circumstances, prohibit an existing restaurant or bar from providing delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service during the state of emergency.

4. Paragraph 2 of this Executive Order does not apply to any of the following:
 - a. places of public accommodation that offer food and beverage service that is not for on-premises consumption (*e.g.*, the sale of food or beverages at grocery stores, markets, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and food pantries), except that any portion of the premises that is available for

on-premises consumption of food or beverage shall comply with Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Executive Order;

- b. health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, adult detention facilities and juvenile justice facilities;
- c. crisis shelters or similar institutions; and
- d. food courts inside the secured zones of St. Louis Lambert International Airport.

5. Nothing in this Executive Order shall prohibit an employee, contractor, vendor, or supplier of a place of public accommodation from entering, exiting, using, or occupying that place of public accommodation in their professional capacity.


6. For purposes of this order, “place of public accommodation” means a business or an educational, refreshment, entertainment, or recreation facility, or an institution of any kind, whether licensed or not, whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations are extended, offered, sold, or otherwise made available to the public. Place of public accommodation includes the facilities of private clubs, including country clubs, golf clubs, sports clubs, athletic clubs, and dining clubs.

7. The Director of the Department of Public Health may promulgate such mandatory or advisory rules, orders, policies, and guidance as is necessary and appropriate to implement this Executive Order or to define any of the terms used in this order. Mandatory rules, orders, or policies so promulgated shall have the force of law to the greatest extent permitted by federal, state, and county law.

8. Unless otherwise set forth herein, this order shall be effective immediately upon my execution hereof and it shall expire only upon further order.

SO ORDERED this seventeenth day of March 2020.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI



Sam Page
County Executive