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Clarification: Distinguishes licensee from similarly named Marion County business NOT cited

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Disregard for public health leads to alcohol license suspension

OLCC continues an education first approach

Portland, OR -- On February 2, 2021, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission issued an Order of Immediate License Suspension to the licensee of Route 99 Roadhouse in Canby (Clackamas County) for not following public health social distancing and face covering requirements. The business, which holds a Full On-Premises sales license, is NOT allowed to sell any alcoholic beverages.

This past January the OLCC received complaints that the owner-operator was allowing groups of customers to gather and consume food and alcohol inside the licensed premises. OLCC enforcement staff visited the bar and restaurant as a follow-up to an initial conversation with the licensee after receiving several complaints about the business not following public health requirements to prevent the spread of COVID-19. OLCC staff had previously contacted the operators of Route 99 Roadhouse to provide education and verbal instructions on how the business could come into compliance. The Commission has continued its education first approach throughout the pandemic.

Upon arriving at the business for an in person inspection, OLCC compliance staff observed that Route 99 Roadhouse's parking lot was close to full and could see patrons inside the business socializing without masks. After entering Route 99 Roadhouse's dining area, OLCC staff observed a large group of customers, many consuming food and drinks in the bar; all of the customers and employees were socializing without masks.

The licensees of record are Tyson Bafford, Managing Member, and Rachelle George, Member of Route 99 Enterprise, LLC.

The licensee was cited for violating both the Governor's [Executive Order 20-66](#) and [Oregon Health Authority - Sector Guidance for Eating and Drinking Establishments and the OHA Statewide Reopening Guidance - Masks, Face Coverings, Face Shields](#) when it allowed patrons to consume food and beverages on the licensed premises.

The OLCC investigation is continuing and the licensee faces the possibility of additional charges for liquor rule violations. The licensee is entitled to exercise their administrative hearing rights to challenge the OLCC's actions.

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