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Oregon Bars & Restaurants Required to Stop Dine-In Service Takeout and delivery options remain for consumers

Two-week statewide “Freeze Period” starts today

PORTLAND, OR. – The statewide “freeze period” that begins today will bring changes to how Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) alcohol licensees will be able to operate. [Governor Kate Brown](#) put the freeze into effect because Oregon continues to see a spike in COVID-19 deaths and infection rates. Oregonians are encouraged to limit their interactions outside their household. On November 17, 2020 the Oregon Health Authority issued the following [guidance for bars and restaurants for the “freeze period”](#).

The two-week “freeze period” is effective statewide from November 18th through December 2, 2020. During this time, licensed bars & restaurants are NOT allowed to serve food or drinks for on-premises consumption. Take-out and delivery service is still allowed.

“Oregonians can help stop the spread of COVID *and* help bars and restaurants that are struggling to stay in business by shifting from dine-in to delivery and takeout,” said Steve Marks, OLCC Executive Director.

Earlier in the pandemic OLCC staff helped with the creation of temporary rules, streamlined existing regulatory processes, and developed licensing workarounds to help alcohol licensees, from bars and breweries to distillers and wineries, stay open and operational. In response to the “freeze period, the OLCC *is in the process of updating* that information, to [reflect new guidance provided by the Oregon Health Authority](#).

To help licensees with operational requirements, the OLCC *will soon update* the OLCC COVID-19 Alcohol FAQ’s to reflect “freeze period” requirements; this update will be found on the [OLCC website](#), under the COVID-19 Resources tab, and [the Business Continuity Information – Alcohol link](#). This includes information about: alcohol delivery, off-premises sales, including temporary licensees (90-Day Authorities), and exceptions for carrying liquor liability insurance.

Additional guidance covering other personal and economic activities can be found on the [OHA Covid-19 Update website](#). Governor Brown’s [Executive Order 20-65](#) can be found on the [Governor’s website](#).

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