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## OH&LA Hotel Industry Recovery: November 18, 2020

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## COVID-19 Membership Update: November 18

### **Governor Issues Emergency Order Affecting Restaurants**

On Monday, Governor Stitt issued an Emergency Order that directly impacts our industry's operations for the next 30 days. You can read the relevant parts of the Governor's order below.

#### **SEVENTH AMENDED EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-20**

- All 77 Oklahoma Counties are included in this declaration.
- Effective November 19th, 2020, food or beverage of any kind shall not be sold, dispensed or served for on-premises consumption by any license holder authorized to make such sales or services after 11:00 P.M. CST daily. The sale and service of food and non-alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may resume at 5:00 A.M. CST daily. The sale and service of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may resume at 8:00 A.M. CST daily.
- Effective November 19, 2020, restaurants and bars shall ensure a minimum of six (6) feet of separation between parties or groups at different tables, booths or bar tops, unless the tables are separated by properly sanitized glass or plexiglass.

#### **Recommended Guidance**

The height of a barrier should take into account the tallest user and the width should be as wide as the surface will allow. In general, the height of the barrier should provide 6 feet of protection as measured from the floor. Clean and disinfect barriers frequently throughout the day and as often as needed, using products approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved list and [follow product instructions here.](#)

- Unless otherwise specified in the Open Up and Recover Safely (“OURS”) Plan on the Oklahoma Department of Commerce website, individuals should follow CDC guidelines for social distancing and gathering in groups.
- All delivery personnel including package, floral, and food delivery shall, at the request of a hospital, clinic, long-term care facility, or

childcare facility submit to a screening prior to delivering goods. Such screening shall include a temperature check and may include a short questionnaire about potential exposure. Additionally, package delivery drivers must take their own temperature daily and shall not deliver packages if it registers over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit.

Questionnaires shall include questions about recent travel to areas with significant community spread and personal contact with individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19.

- Visitation, outings, group meals and communal dining at nursing homes, long-term care facilities and retirement homes shall be in accordance with guidance issued by the OSDH based on recommendations from the CDC.
- All persons who enter the State of Oklahoma from another state or country are directed to [follow CDC travel guidelines found here.](#)
- This Order shall be effective until the end of thirty (30) days after the filing of this Order

You can read the entire Governor's Emergency Order [here](#). (The highlighted section includes important information related to our industry)

**We understand there will be questions about how this order should be followed.** We are working with regulators for interpretations of how this will be enforced and what the expectations are for compliance. As soon as we have further information, we will share it with you. In the meantime, if you have questions or need clarification, please reach out to [Collin Graham](#) or [Jim Hopper](#) by email. Thank you for your patience!

## **Staggering Survey Results: 71% of Hotels Won't Survive Another 6 Months Without Further Government Relief**

With a resurgence of COVID-19 and renewed travel restrictions, a new survey by AHLA shows that the hotel industry will continue to face devastation and significant job loss without additional relief from Congress. [You can read the full survey here.](#)

## **STR Report: August 2020**

To view a copy of the STR October 2020 Oklahoma and U. S. Industry Overview, [click here.](#)

## **Stars of the Industry Awards**

OH&LA has built a 20+ year history of recognizing Oklahoma's BEST in the hotel industry, and in 2020 we will continue this tradition. Now more than ever, it is important to recognize employees who during the pandemic are taking on duties far above and beyond their everyday roles. We want to celebrate those professionals who make our industry extraordinary even in times of difficulty. Let OHLA help you demonstrate the value of your most outstanding employees - and nominate for Stars of the Industry Awards. STARS will shine a much-needed light on those who are leading the charge to recovery. [Click here](#) to view the latest categories and criteria and

nominate your employees by November 27, 2020. The award ceremony will take place on January 13, 2021.

[Want to become a Stars category Partner?](#) This year's event will be more special than ever with all our industry has endured. Contact [Linda Etherton](#) to discuss [category options](#). This is the perfect way to spotlight your company at our premier annual event, show your appreciation for Oklahoma hotels, and help support the Association during this time.

