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To: Tulare County Retail Food Facilities

From: Tulare County Environmental Health

Subject: Retail Food Facilities allowances for Soft Stage 2

Tulare County is currently operating under a (Soft) Stage 2 of the State's Pandemic Roadmap, and the Tulare County Emergency Order.

On May 5, 2020 The Tulare County Health Officer signed an Emergency Order to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. The Emergency Order mandates the following for Retail Food Facilities:

- Bars shall remain closed
- Restaurants shall only be open to:
 - Pickup / take-out and curbside orders
 - Delivery orders
 - Restaurants with the appropriate and valid ABC licenses can serve some beer/wine/spirits in to-go sealed containers with a lid. Refer to the California Alcohol and Beverage Control for more information.
- **Dine-in service is not allowed**

Failure to follow the Tulare County Health Order can result in the following:

1. First complaint received will be issued a warning via phone call and/or letter to the business owner.
2. On the second/confirmed complaint the business owner will be issued a notice of violation with an enforcement penalty fee of \$285.00 charged to the facility owner.
3. Three or more complaints will be sent a notice of administrative office hearing where the owner is charged a hearing fee of \$402.00 and has to show reason or cause why the Environmental Health permit shall not be suspended or revoked.

Finally, Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 101029 and 120280, and the Tulare County Ordinance Code sections 1-15-1040(b) and 125, violations of this Order may be punishable as a misdemeanor upon conviction by a fine of not exceeding one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for a term of not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

For more COVID-19 retail business guidance please refer to the COVID-19 Guide Playbook for Re-opening located at www.tularecounty.ca.gov. additional guidance can also be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>

This department will communicate to you via email as soon as we progress through the stages and Dine-in services are allowed, you can also call 624-7400 for any additional questions.