

NCCBG Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: 05.12.20



Executive Director Update - May 12, 2020 Coronavirus Information *Wear, Wait, & Wash*

Good afternoon,

It's been four days since Phase I began, but it is still too early to tell if our COVID-19 trends in NC are holding steady. Testing continues at a positive rate; we've now surpassed 200,000 completed tests. The number of confirmed cases rose by 300 to 15,346. Hospitalizations rose slightly to 475 and the death toll reached 577. NCDHHS has also added an estimate of presumed recovered patients that will be released each Monday. As of yesterday 9,115 patients are presumed to have recovered.

The consumer confidence survey was closed today with approximately 4,000 participants voicing their opinion about reopening our taprooms for onsite consumption. The preliminary results showed people were ready to get out again, but they needed to feel their health was protected. We are compiling the final results and we should have them ready by the end of the week. Be on the lookout.

A couple of items regarding reopening during Phase II (tentatively scheduled for May 22nd.) NCDHHS anticipates having guidance for reopening restaurants and taprooms available by the end of the week, or early next week at the latest. Based on the information we've been receiving, we do not anticipate any big changes from the guidance we've been sending. As soon as we get the NCDHHS guidance we will publish it and schedule a town hall meeting to answer questions directly.

Other news and information:

We've been sending many reopening guides and workplace checklists over the past week and we will continue to do so as we move closer to the projected beginning of Phase II.

• From Main Street Swimmer Insurance: Reopening Business FAQ

Stay healthy and look after each other!

Remember...

- You are on the front lines to help keep your patrons and employees safe and healthy. Follow the Guidance and Executive Orders!
- Use common sense in planning and finding ways to market and sell your products.
- Keep perspective, as we are in the midst of a global crisis.
- The faster we stop the spread of the virus the faster we can get back to business.
- Stay focused on what you can control and be ready to adapt.
- And, as always, take care of each other, your employees, your customers, and yourselves, as this will be a long and challenging road

Please keep us posted on what is going on either by reaching out to me with your questions, <u>richard@ncbeer.org</u>, or sending consumer related information to <u>promotions@ncbeer.org</u>

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