



# 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

NCCBG Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: 03.18.20

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**Executive Director Update**  
March 18, 2020

Good morning...

I would like to communicate the latest updates:

- **The ABC Commission has posted guidance regarding Governor Cooper's executive order, as follows:**

<https://abc.nc.gov/PublicResources/LegalAnnouncement/261>

Executive Order - ABC Guidance

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

ABC Compliance Guidance for Executive Order 118

**All** on-premise sales and consumption must stop. This includes patios and outdoor picnic tables.

Only **off**-premise sales of beer and wine are allowed from establishments with appropriate retail beer or wine permits.

Retail permittees may deliver to vehicles at a curb or a parking space adjacent to the licensed premises while this Executive Order is in place.

Spirituos liquor sales from ABC stores are determined by local ABC boards. Distilleries may still sell bottles for off-premises consumption.

On-premise mixed beverage sales or consumption is not allowed at distilleries while this Executive Order is in effect.

Violation of the Governor's Executive Order is a Class 2 misdemeanor. 166A-19.30(d)

Violation of the Governor's Executive Order could result in penalties against ABC permits. 18B-1005

- **Stuart Barnhart (Fiddlin Fish) posted the following to the TBA. It is detailed information for you and your employees regarding the unemployment benefits process.**

"I have spoken with the NC Department of Commerce, who oversees unemployment benefits, and they recommend employees go ahead and file for unemployment benefits. The business owner needs to make sure the business is signed up in the system (which requires the PIN number the Dept. of Commerce sent you when you began paying insurance) because when an employee files the business will end up getting a notice telling you to go online and respond. The sooner the business responds to the claim, the sooner it will free up everything for the employee.

Employers go to <https://des.nc.gov/employers/create-or-update-employer-account>

The employee needs to say in their claim that it was caused by COVID-19. If they do not, the employer can respond telling the Dept. of Commerce that it was in fact due to COVID-19, which will free everything up for the employee.

The easiest way to reach the Dept. of Commerce for any assistance is by calling them at 919-707-1150 (for employers).

Employees go to <https://des.nc.gov/apply-unemployment/filing-your-unemployment-application>

There are two videos to watch about setting up an online account and filing for unemployment. What is probably not on the video is: IF THEY ASK A QUESTION ABOUT REDUCED HOURS DUE TO COVID-19, BE SURE TO SAY YES. Also, be sure to remember the phone PIN they choose when setting up their account.

If they make the employee say reduced hours OR lay-off, you'll want to instruct each employee individually which to do. Of course, this can change over the course of the layoff depending on your needs. It is our understanding that employees CAN work some hours and still get unemployment benefits.

They need to apply right away so they can start getting their benefits as soon as possible. With the new rules, they will not have a one-week waiting period so benefits will start immediately,

though it may take some time to process the claims because there is sure to be a backlog.”

- **BA Posts letter from Bob Pease to U.S. Congress**

We are posting a letter the BA is sending to all members of Congress. I will be doing the same to the North Carolina’s U.S. legislators.. While this is not an immediate call to action on your part, consider personalizing the letter to your specific circumstance and sending it to your U.S Representatives and Senators. The BA’s letter will be accessible from the NCBeer.org [COVID-19 Resource Page](#), along with an archive of the Guild’s communications and a listing of useful resource links.

- **Conversations with NCBWWA, NCRLA, and NCRMA have begun**

The Guild is scheduling a conference call this week with the hospitality and alcohol associations that are impacted so we can coordinate a response and be more effective for our members. Stay tuned...

There is a lot happening. We are striving to keep you up-to-date with the latest information. Keeping it factual and accurate. These are hard times, and they will continue for the foreseeable future. This is why you have your Guild, the team is working tirelessly to represent your interests. Please keep us posted on what is going on either by reaching out to me with your questions or posting consumer related information to [promotions@ncbeer.org](mailto:promotions@ncbeer.org)

## UPDATES AND RESOURCES

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/es/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-north-carolina/nc-updates>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.brewersassociation.org/brewing-industry-updates/coronavirus-resource-center/>

<https://ncbeer.org/covid-19.php>