

[Home](#)

Kim Reynolds, Governor



Adam Gregg, Lt. Governor



Stephen Larson, Administrator

Search form

Search this site

[Menu](#)

- [Home](#)
- [About](#)
 - [Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Commission](#)
 - [Commission Materials](#)
 - [Historical Highlights](#)
 - [Three Tier History](#)
 - [Press Releases](#)
 - [Reports](#)
 - [Alcoholic Beverage Control Study](#)
 - [Review of Iowa Code Chapter 123](#)
 - [Press Releases](#)
 - [Annual Reports](#)
 - [Strategic Plan](#)
 - [Facilities](#)
 - [Contact Us](#)
- [Licensing](#)
 - [HF607 Licensing Impacts](#)
 - [Beer Manufacturers/Wholesalers](#)
 - [Native Distillers](#)
 - [Licensing Laws & Requirements](#)
 - [License Classifications](#)
 - [License/Permit Fees](#)
 - [Insurance & Licensing Forms](#)
 - [ADMINISTRATIVE RULE WAIVER PETITION FORM](#)
 - [Dramshop Protection](#)
 - [Catering Privilege](#)
- [Alcohol](#)
 - [Special Orders](#)
 - [Highly Allocated Products](#)
 - [Listing Your Product in Iowa](#)
 - [Product Handling Charges](#)
 - [Canned Cocktails](#)
 - [Wine Direct Shipping](#)
 - [Regulation](#)
 - [Voluntary Disclosure Program](#)
 - [Regulatory Announcements](#)
 - [Law Enforcement Establishment Checklist](#)
 - [Rule Making](#)
 - [State of Iowa Alcohol Law](#)
 - [Comprehensive Review of Iowa Code CH.123](#)
 - [HF607](#)
 - [Hours of sale](#)

- [Identification information](#)
 - [Infused and Premixed Drinks](#)
 - [Judicial Review](#)
 - [Keg Registration](#)
 - [Laws important to business operation](#)
 - [Licensing requirements](#)
 - [Minors and Alcoholic Beverages](#)
 - [Social gambling](#)
 - [Summary of Iowa Liquor Laws](#)
- [Beer and Wine Tax Forms](#)
- [Federal Alcohol Law](#)
- [Education](#)
 - [Age to Purchase Materials](#)
 - [Bulletins](#)
 - [Advisory Bulletins](#)
 - [Educational Bulletins](#)
 - [Regulatory Bulletins](#)
 - [New Laws](#)
 - [Downloadable Materials](#)
 - [I-Alert](#)
 - [I-PACT](#)
 - [I-PLEDGE](#)
 - [Legally Speaking](#)
 - [Special Events](#)
 - [Videos](#)
- [Tobacco](#)
 - [Minimum age requirements for tobacco purchases](#)
 - [How to Obtain a Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine and Vapor Permit](#)
 - [Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine and Vapor Permit Frequently Asked Questions](#)
 - [I-PLEDGE Program Overview](#)
 - [I-PLEDGE Training & Enforcement Log In](#)
 - [I-PLEDGE Compliance & Training Reports](#)
 - [I-PLEDGE Law Enforcement Information](#)
 - [Legal Resources](#)
 - [Synar](#)
 - [FDA Compliance](#)
 - [Cigarette and Tobacco Tax Information](#)
 - [Smokefree Air Act](#)
 - [Other States' Smoking Bans](#)
- [Quick Links](#)
 - [Information & Public Record Requests](#)
 - [COVID-19 Updates](#)
 - [Complaint Form](#)
 - [Contact Form](#)

You are here

[Home](#)[Quick Links](#)[COVID-19 Updates](#)

[Quick Links](#)

- [Information & Public Record Requests](#)
- [COVID-19 Updates](#)

- [Complaint Form](#)
- [Contact Form](#)

COVID-19 Updates

This page provides updates related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including public health information, State of Iowa mitigation efforts, and changes to ABD operations that may impact our licensees.

This page will be updated on a rolling basis as new information is released and/or new changes are implemented. Please bookmark this page and check back often.

Last Update: 3/25/20

Public Health and Mitigation Effort Updates

The latest public health information related to COVID-19 issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health can be found [here](#).

The latest updates from Gov. Kim Reynolds on the State of Iowa's COVID-19 mitigation efforts can be found [here](#).

A collection of COVID-19-related information from Iowa state agencies can be found [here](#).

BAR/RESTAURANT CLOSURE

In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to protect public health, Gov. Reynolds issued a [State of Public Health Emergency](#) on March 17. Under the public health emergency declaration, all restaurants and bars are closed to the general public until 11:59 p.m. on March 31, unless said declaration is sooner terminated or extended in writing by the Governor.

This means that bars and restaurants are prohibited from allowing **any** customers to consume food and/or beverages on the premises. Bars and restaurants are allowed to sell food and/or beverages provided the food and/or beverages are promptly taken from the premises through carry-out, drive-through, or delivery during the public health emergency to the extent permitted by applicable law and in accordance with any recommendations of the Iowa Department of Public Health.

State and local peace officers have a duty to enforce lawful public health orders within their respective jurisdictions. Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of the public health emergency declaration or a lawful order of an officer is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

The [Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals has additional information available](#) related to food service.

The [Iowa Economic Development Authority has information available](#) for business owners who are impacted by a COVID-19-related closure.

GOLF COURSES

On March 23, 2020, Governor Reynolds was on the Jeff Angelo Radio Show where she addressed the use of golf courses. She advised that golf is an outdoor activity where social distancing can still be practiced. The Governor advised that citizens should continue to be conscientious of social distancing when partaking in that activity.

The interview can be listened to [here](#).

Golf courses that have a class “C” liquor license and have designated their course as part of their licensed premises can sell beer, wine and alcoholic liquor in original, unopened containers. In addition, golf courses holding a class “C” liquor license are allowed to sell alcoholic liquor and wine in original, unopened containers for carry-out, curbside pickup, drive-through, or home delivery without obtaining an additional license, permit, or privilege.

MORATORIUM ON CAN/BOTTLE REDEMPTION REQUIREMENT FOR RETAILERS

In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to protect public health, Gov. Reynolds issued a [State of Public Health Emergency](#) on March 17. Under the public health emergency declaration, retailers who engage in the sale of alcoholic liquor, beer, wine, carbonated beverages, and other beverages on which an Iowa beverage container deposit is made are authorized to stop accepting returns of empty beverage containers until 11:59 p.m. on April 16, unless the public health emergency declaration is sooner terminated or extended by the governor.

INFORMATION ON MANUFACTURING HAND SANITIZER

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) has issued guidance on the production of hand sanitizer by distilled spirits permittees [here](#).

Alcohol manufactured in Iowa pursuant to an experimental distilled spirits plant permit or its equivalent issued by TTB is not an “alcoholic liquor.” As such, ABD does not regulate this type of manufacturing. Therefore, ABD does not need to waive any regulations and does not have any additional requirements for Iowa liquor manufacturers and native distilleries manufacturing hand sanitizer.

ABD Operational Updates

Any alcoholic beverage-related questions not addressed on this page may be sent to education@iowaabd.com.

APPOINTMENT-ONLY ACCESS TO ABD OFFICES

ABD is committed to mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Effectively immediately, there will be no access to the building by the general public without an appointment. If you need an in-person appointment or have questions, please contact [515-281-7400](tel:515-281-7400).

EXPANDED OFF-PREMISES SALES PRIVILEGES FOR CLASS “C” LIQUOR LICENSEES

Effective March 19 through 11:59 p.m. on March 31, class “C” liquor licensees are allowed to sell alcoholic liquor and wine in original, unopened containers for carry-out, curbside pickup, drive-through, or home delivery without obtaining an additional license, permit, or privilege. Class “C” liquor licensees already have the authority to sell beer in original, unopened containers for off-premises consumption.

Mixed drinks, cocktails, margaritas, etc. made on-site **are not allowed to be sold to-go**. Non-alcoholic margarita mix, soda, and other non-alcoholic mixers can be sold with an original, unopened bottle of liquor to be mixed and consumed at the customer's home.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE RETURNS TO WHOLESALERS BY RETAILERS

In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to protect public health, Gov. Reynolds issued a [State of Public Health Emergency](#) on March 17. Under the public health emergency declaration, all restaurants and bars

are closed to the general public until 11:59 p.m. on March 31, unless said declaration is sooner terminated or extended in writing by the Governor.

On-premises retailers who have been impacted by this temporary shutdown are authorized by ABD and the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) to return alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer in original, unopened containers to the appropriate wholesaler, provided:

- The original sale of the alcoholic beverages by the wholesaler to the retailer was made without the privilege of return as part of the sales agreement,
AND
- The wholesaler consents to the return. **Wholesalers are under no obligation to accept returns.**

ABD will accept alcoholic liquor returned to class “E” liquor licensees by class “C” liquor licensees under the following conditions:

- The alcoholic liquor is in its original, unopened container.
AND
- The alcoholic liquor was purchased from the class “E” liquor licensee on or after March 1, 2020.
AND
- The class “E” or class “C” liquor licensee has a sales invoice showing the alcoholic liquor being returned to ABD was sold to the class “C” liquor licensee.

ABD will accept alcoholic liquor returns from class “E” liquor licensees who purchased the alcoholic liquor in anticipation of selling it to class “C” liquor licensees under the following conditions:

- The alcoholic liquor is in its original, unopened container.
AND
- The alcoholic liquor was purchased from ABD on or after March 1, 2020.

ABD is adhering to TTB’s guidance on returns due to event cancellations related to COVID-19, which states:

"Given the unexpected and widespread nature of the concerns involving COVID-19, TTB will not consider returns of alcohol beverage products purchased to sell during such cancelled events to violate federal consignment sales rules provided the products were not initially purchased or sold with the privilege of return. Even though such returns are lawful, a producer or wholesaler is not required to accept returns of such products."

GROWLER SALES

Effective March 19 through 11:59 p.m. on March 31, liquor control licensees (except class “C” native distilled spirits and class “E” liquor licensees), class “B” and class “C” beer permittees, and the licensee’s or permittee’s employees, may fill, refill, and sell beer in growlers or crowlers without an in-person sales transaction taking place. This means that growlers/crowlers can be filled at the time that a telephone or online order is placed and payment is received by the licensee or permittee on the licensed premises. All other requirements and restrictions of administrative [rule 185--4.6](#) remain in effect and are applicable to growler/crowler sales.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE DELIVERIES TO CONSUMERS

Licensees and permittees authorized to sell alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer in original unopened containers for off-premises consumption may deliver alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer to a home, another licensed premises if there is identical ownership of the premises by the licensee or permittee, or other designated location in this state. Deliveries shall be limited to alcoholic beverages authorized by the licensee’s or permittee’s license or permit.

All deliveries of alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer are subject to the following requirements and restrictions:

- Payment for the alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer must be received by the licensee or permittee at the time of order.
- Alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer delivered to a person shall be for personal use and not for resale.
- Deliveries shall only be made to persons in this state who are twenty-one years of age or older.
- Deliveries shall not be made to a person who is intoxicated or is simulating intoxication.
- Deliveries shall occur between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Sunday.
- Delivery of alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer shall be made by the licensee or permittee, or the licensee's or permittee's employee, and not by a third party.
- Delivery personnel shall be twenty-one years of age or older.
- Deliveries shall be made in a vehicle owned, leased, or under the control of the licensee or permittee. If an employee of a licensee or permittee uses their personal vehicle to make a delivery, that vehicle is considered under the control of the licensee or permittee.
- Valid proof of the recipient's identity and age shall be obtained at the time of delivery, and the signature of a person twenty-one years of age or older shall be obtained as a condition of delivery.
- Licensees and permittees shall maintain records of deliveries which include the quantity delivered, the recipient's name and address, and the signature of the recipient of the alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer. The records shall be maintained on the licensed premises for a period of three years.
- Orders delivered to another licensed premises shall contain only those alcoholic beverages authorized for sale by the liquor control license or retail wine or beer permit covering the premises to receive the delivery.
- Orders delivered to another licensed premises shall be fulfilled using the alcoholic beverages inventory owned by the licensee or permittee who received the order for delivery. If the recipient refuses or fails to pick up the delivery, or is ineligible to receive the delivery, the alcoholic beverages shall be returned to the licensee or permittee who fulfilled the order.

REFUNDS FOR 6- OR 8-MONTH OR 5- OR 14-DAY LICENSES/PERMITS

Any licensee or permittee issued a **5- or 14-day temporary license/permit** that no longer needs or intends to use the license/permit because of an event postponement, cancellation, or other circumstance due or related to COVID-19 may request a refund of the license/permit fee provided:

- The request is made before the effective date listed on the license/permit.

AND

- ***The request for refund is received on or before April 16, 2020.***

Any licensee or permittee issued a 6- or 8-month seasonal license/permit that no longer needs or intends to use the license/permit because of an event postponement, cancellation or other circumstance due or related to COVID-19 may request a refund of the license/permit fee ***provided the request for refund is received on or before April 16, 2020.***

Requests for refunds should be sent via email to licensing@iowaabd.com and include the following information:

- The name of the person seeking a refund.
AND
- The license/permit number of the issued license/permit.
AND
- The specific circumstances leading to a refund being sought.
AND
- A telephone number at which the requester can be contacted in the event of questions.

Any person who has submitted an application for a 6- or 8-month or 5- or 14-day license/permit and would like to withdraw the application is encouraged to contact ABD via email at licensing@iowaabd.com immediately. Please include in the email the application number (ex: LC_V_1234) and a telephone number at which you can be contacted.

DEFERRAL OF BEER BARREL TAX AND WINE GALLONAGE TAX REPORTING AND REMITTANCE

Reporting and remittance of beer barrel tax and wine gallonage tax has been deferred for the months of February and March 2020. ***Reports and remittance for the months of February and March will be due May 10, 2020.*** The 10 percent penalty for late filing for the February and March reports may appear as owed but will be waived.

Reports and remittance for the month of April will be due May 10, 2020 as scheduled.

Follow us with Facebook or Twitter:

[Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

Contact Us

Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division
1918 SE Hulsizer Road
Ankeny, IA 50021

Toll-free: [866-IowaABD \(469-2223\)](tel:866-IowaABD)

Local: [515-281-7400](tel:515-281-7400)

[Click here to file a complaint](#)

- [State of Iowa](#)
- [Policies](#)
- [Publications](#)
- [Site Feedback](#)
- [Adobe PDF Reader](#)

© 2019 State of Iowa
Alcoholic Beverages Division
All rights reserved.

Printed from the website on March 30, 2020 at 12:44am.