



State of Louisiana
Gaming Control Board

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR

MICHAEL NOEL
CHAIRMAN

ORDER OF THE LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD
COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 16

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 27:1 et seq, grants to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board ("the Board") all regulatory authority and control and all power incidental or necessary to such regulatory authority over all aspects of gaming activities under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, on the 16th day of March 2020, the Chairman of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board ("the Chairman") ordered the cessation of all gaming operations conducted at the land-based casino, all riverboat casinos, and all slots at the track licensed facilities until March 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, by successive orders issued on the 23rd day of March 2020 (Order No. 4), the 7th day of April 2020 (Order No. 7), the 28th day of April 2020 (Order No. 10), and the 12th day of May 2020 (Order No. 12), the Chairman extended the cessation of all gaming operations conducted at the land-based casino, all riverboat casinos, and all slots at the track licensed facilities until May 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of May 2020, the Chairman by Covid-19 Emergency Order No. 12, as amended by Covid-19 Emergency Order No 13, authorized the land-based casino, all riverboat casinos, and all slots at the track licensed facilities to reopen their gaming operations, in accordance with the Governor's orders for Phase I reopening, subject to certain requirements imposed by the Chairman, beginning May 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of June 2020, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board by Covid-19 Emergency Order No. 15, authorized the land-based casino, all riverboat casinos, and all slots at the track licensed facilities to continue with the reopening of their gaming operations, in accordance with the Governor's orders for Phase II reopening, subject to certain requirements imposed by the Board, beginning June 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned Chairman has determined that, while the threat of COVID-19 continues to be an extraordinary situation requiring continued action to protect the health, safety, welfare, and interests of the state of Louisiana and its citizens, it is also in the interest of the state and its citizens that the economy be reopened for business,

IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY ORDERED that effective immediately:

All casino gaming establishments, i.e. riverboats, slot machine operations at the racetracks, and the land-based casino, shall no later than midnight June 19, 2020, be open to the public and conducting gaming operations as authorized by and in compliance with the Louisiana Gaming Control Act and the regulations found in Title 42 of the Louisiana Administrative Code, all license conditions and all other conditions imposed on the licensee by the Board, and, as to the land-based casino, the casino operating agreement for the land-based casino, subject to the following:

1. All restrictions and requirements for reopening and continued operation imposed by state and local authorities must be met;
2. Prior to reopening, each licensee, shall submit to the Gaming Enforcement Division of Louisiana State Police ("the Division") for prior approval a detailed plan specifying how the licensee intends to insure compliance with the requirements for reopening set forth in the Board's Covid-19 Emergency Order Nos. 12, 13, and 15 as applicable;
3. Subsequent to reopening, each licensee, shall submit to the Gaming Enforcement Division of Louisiana State Police ("the Division") for prior approval, any proposed amendment to a previously submitted and approved plan for reopening;
4. The detailed reopening plan and any amendments required by items 2 and 3 hereinabove, shall be in writing and signed by the General Manager of the respective property. Once approved by the Division, copies of the reopening plans and amendments shall be submitted to the Board;
5. Riverboat licensees, slots at the track licensees and the land-based casino shall not be required to maintain total employment and minimum payroll conditions and requirements until all capacity, and gaming position and device limitations are lifted by state and local authorities, and until patron admissions for any three-month period, determined monthly on a rolling basis, reaches the admission level for the same three-month period of the previous year, provided that the licensee maintains sufficient employment to conduct all authorized gaming operations and ensure adequate security as determined by the Division and the Board. The three-month admissions calculation shall be made and applied to each property individually. The forbearance herein granted in regard to maintaining total employment and minimum payroll conditions and requirements shall not extend beyond December 31, 2020. The detailed reopening plan and any amendments required by items 2 and 3 hereinabove, shall include a schedule setting forth the licensee's proposed timeline for achieving total employment and minimum payroll conditions and requirements by year end.

This order may be amended, extended, or rescinded by the Board at any time.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, THIS 16th DAY OF JUNE 2020.



**MIKE NOEL, CHAIRMAN
LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**