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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.

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

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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](#).

All of the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau's (TTB) COVID-19-related news and guidance can be found [here](#).

Employee and Public Protection

Effective until 11:59 p.m. on May 2:

All businesses are strongly encouraged to take reasonable measures under the circumstances to ensure the health of employees, patrons, and members of the public, including social distancing practices, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

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Mass Gatherings and Events

Effective until 11:59 p.m. on May 2:

- All gathering organizers or hosts are strongly encouraged to take reasonable measures under the circumstances to ensure the health of participants and members of the public, including social distancing practices, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

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License Expiration Information

On April 2, the Governor extended previous proclamations temporarily suspending expiration of alcohol licenses/permits. If you have one of the following licenses/permits that has an expiration date of 5/6/2020 or after, you will receive notification from ABD as to next steps to ensure that your license/permit is renewed in a timely manner following the termination of this proclamation. Your license/permit fee for your renewal will not be withdrawn from your account until after the proclamation terminates. The current proclamation expires May 2, 2021. Licensees should complete the renewal process as soon as possible to avoid any gap in the ability to sell alcoholic beverages.

- Class A Liquor License
- Class B Liquor License
- Class C Liquor License
- Special Class C Liquor License
- Class B Beer Permit
- Class C Native Wine Permit

Iowans should not expect this suspension to be extended beyond May 2, 2021.

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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 May 2, 2021.**

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 May 2, 2021.**

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.

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