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To: All TABC-Licensed Bars and Restaurants

Re: Follow Governor's Open Texas Order or Face License Suspension

All bars and restaurants operating in Texas have a duty to follow the checklists developed by the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas. These protocols are in place so that the Texas economy can function without a significant increase in COVID-19 cases.

The checklists are available at open.texas.gov. Protocols include indoor customer capacity limits of 50% for bars and 75% for restaurants, social distancing of at least 6 feet between groups of customers, and other important operating requirements. Following these protects your business, customers, and community.

TABC is strictly monitoring bar and restaurant activity to ensure compliance with the checklists. If the agency observes a business clearly disregarding the checklist protocols, it will take swift action to suspend that business's license for up to 30 days for the first infraction and up to 60 days for the second infraction.

TABC has inspected thousands of businesses this year and found that most are operating responsibly and following the rules. But if TABC discovers a violation or confirms a complaint about a compliance issue, the agency will take action to ensure the business faces the just consequences.

The agency understands this is a difficult time for the Texas economy and doesn't want to shut any businesses down. We encourage bars and restaurants to follow the rules, operate responsibly, and thereby protect the welfare of Texans and Texas in spite of COVID-19.

TABC stands ready to help its license and permit holders impacted by the coronavirus. Find TABC's resources for businesses affected by the pandemic at tabc.texas.gov/coronavirus/. For additional assistance, contact your [local TABC regional office](#) or our Austin headquarters at 512-206-3333.