

FRLA COVID-19 Update 3.17.20

The FRLA team has been hard at work since the COVID-19/Coronavirus became national news. We knew there would be Florida impacts, and we are certainly seeing that daily.

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that he will not be closing restaurants. While some localities are choosing to shut down service, the Governor has issued an **Executive Order** detailing requirements to stop the spread of the illness through social distancing through limited capacity, the closure of bars and nightclubs, and encouraging drive through and take out dining options as well. DBPR has also released **requirements for restaurants, bars, and nightclubs.**

We have been in close communication with state and national leaders and organizations, including the state Emergency Operations Center, the Governor's Office, our legislative leaders both statewide and federal, AHLA, NRA, and others. We are vigorously advocating among all levels of decision makers to mitigate economic impacts on our members and secure as little disruption to operations as possible while promoting public health and safety during this difficult time.

We will keep you updated as information evolves, and please know that we are continually fighting for you, your employees, and your businesses as we all face this unprecedented challenge.

Carol Dover, President & CEO, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association