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TO: Interested Stakeholders

FROM: Governor Jay Inslee

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SUBJECT: Partially Resuming the Dine-In Restaurant and Tavern Industry – Proclamation 20-25

This memorandum serves as the criteria for partially resuming the dine-in restaurant and tavern industry under Phase 2 and is effective as of May 11, 2020.

After consulting with stakeholders, we have developed the comprehensive Phase 2 – Dine-In Restaurant and Tavern Industry COVID-19 Requirements. These requirements apply as long as Gubernatorial Proclamation 20-25, or any extension thereof, is in effect or if adopted as rules by a federal, state or local regulatory agency.

For purposes of this memorandum, “restaurants” and “taverns” include both indoor and outdoor seating for:

- Traditional dine-in restaurants, quick-serve food operations, fixed and mobile food trucks, and other prepared-food operations, including but not limited to, hotel kitchens and workplace cafeterias;
- Cafes, juice bars, and other businesses specializing in non-alcoholic beverages;
- Breweries, public houses, and other businesses serving open containers of alcohol.

For purposes of this memorandum and the Dine-In Restaurant and Tavern Industry COVID-19 Requirements, the following activities are prohibited:

- Buffets, salad bars, salsa bars, and any other communal food source shared by people from *different* dining parties; and
- Bar-style seating of any kind.

This memorandum supersedes any conflicting provision in the Appendix to Proclamation 20-25, “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers,” and stands in the place of any other omission from that document.

No restaurant or tavern may operate indoor or sit-down services until they can meet and maintain all requirements, including providing materials, schedules and equipment required to comply.

- **General questions about how to comply with safety practices** can be submitted to the state's Business Response Center at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2562f1caf5814c46a6bf163762263aa5>.
- **All other violations related to Proclamation 20-25** can be submitted at <https://bit.ly/covid-compliance>.