

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO  
No. 2020-5**

**(9 P.M. CESSATION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR SALES)**

Issued and Effective: April 8, 2020

**WHEREAS**, In an Executive Order filed on March 20, 2020 (“EO2020-10”), the Governor of Illinois directed residents of Illinois to stay at home, subject to limited exceptions, and further directed that people using shared or outdoor spaces outside their home must at all times, to the degree reasonably possible, maintain a distance of six feet from any other person; and

**WHEREAS**, A significant segment of Chicago’s populace has responsibly and appropriately heeded the Governor’s necessary directive. However, groups of Chicagoans across the City have recklessly disregarded that directive and continue to congregate and cluster at or near establishments that sell alcoholic liquor, in particular in the late evening, unacceptably placing their own health and the health of all Chicagoans in danger; and

**WHEREAS**, The Municipal Code of Chicago (“Code”) authorizes the Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago to implement emergency measures to stop the spread of communicable diseases, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City’s residents, including but not limited to authority granted in Sections 2-112-080, 2-112-160(a)(3) and (a)(4), and 77 Ill. Adm. Code Sections 690.1305(a) and 690.1310(c); and

**WHEREAS**, In order to stop the devastating spread of COVID-19, all Chicagoans must practice a strict and disciplined adherence to stay-at-home and social distancing requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, This Order is issued following consultation with, and on the recommendation of, the Commissioner of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, the Local Liquor Control Commissioner, and the Chicago Police Department; now, therefore,

**The Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago hereby orders as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** Every establishment licensed under Chapter 4-60 of the Code shall:

(a) cease all sales of alcoholic liquor between 9 p.m. and the hour at which the licensee is permitted to resume alcoholic liquor sales under Code Section 4-60-130, and

(b) prominently post signage, in a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, at each publicly accessible entrance to the establishment and in any area of the establishment where alcoholic liquor is sold, informing patrons of the 9 p.m. cessation of alcoholic liquor sales.

**SECTION 2.** Pursuant to Code Sections 2-112-070 and 2-112-080, in conjunction with enforcement authority granted in the Code to the following officers, this Order may be enforced by the Commissioner of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, the Local Liquor Control Commissioner, and the Chicago Police Department.

**SECTION 3.** In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates this Order shall be subject to arrest, and to the fines set forth in Section 2-112-340 of the Code.

**SECTION 4.** This Order shall remain in effect until the Commissioner of Health makes a written determination that the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished to the point that this Order can be safely repealed.



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Allison Arwady, M.D.,  
Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago

Dated: 4/8/20