

Refilling Wine Growlers during the Governor's Proclamations of Disaster Emergency due to COVID-19

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise class "A" native wine permittees, class "C" liquor control licensees, class "B", class "B" native, and "C" native wine permittees that the applicable laws, rules, and regulations for filling, refilling, and selling wine growlers have not changed as a result of the Governor's Proclamations of Disaster Emergency due to COVID-19.

DISCUSSION

The Governor's Proclamations of Disaster Emergency due to COVID-19 have resulted in increased restrictions and requirements designed to promote and ensure public health, safety, and welfare. Many of these requirements have restricted the normal operations of businesses, especially those in the hospitality industry. As a result, there is some confusion in the industry about additional restrictions related to the filling, refilling, and selling of wine growlers. To date, the Governor's Proclamations of Disaster Emergency do not specifically prohibit filling, refilling, or selling wine growlers, and the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division has not advised that wine growlers cannot be filled, refilled, or sold.

CONCLUSION

The filling, refilling, and selling of wine growlers can continue in the same manner as they did prior to COVID-19 as long as retailers continue to comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.