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San Joaquin County Revises Stay At Home Order

Stockton, Calif. - Following the State's release of guidance on July 13, 2020, the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer is revising local directives and implementing guidance provided by the Governor and State Public Health Officer regarding bars, brewpubs, breweries, and pubs.

To maintain consistency with the California Department of Public Health, operations of bars, pubs, brewpubs, and breweries are now permitted to continue outdoor service of alcohol only when it is served with a "sit-down dine-in meal," meaning that alcohol is an accompaniment to the meal.

The following, non-exclusive list of food items DO NOT constitute a "dine-in meal":

- Snacks such as pretzels, nuts, popcorn, pickles, and chips
- Food ordinarily served as appetizers or first courses such as cheese sticks, fried calamari, chicken wings, pizza bites (as opposed to a pizza), egg rolls, potstickers, flautas, cups of soup, and any small portion of a dish that may constitute a main course when it is not served in a full portion or when it is intended for sharing in small portions
- Side dishes such as bread, rolls, French fries, onion rings, small salads (green, potato, macaroni, fruit), rice, mashed potatoes, and small portions of vegetables
- Reheated refrigerated or frozen entrees
- Desserts

Bars, brewpubs, breweries, and pubs must also adhere to the guidance published by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, which can be found at https://www.abc.ca.gov/public-health-orders-regarding-licensed-premises-closures.

COVID-19 is still spreading and prevalent in San Joaquin County. Community members are reminded that gatherings are still prohibited. Coronavirus spreads when an infected person speaks, sneezes, or coughs within 6 feet of others. You may have the virus and spread it even if you feel well. So it is important to cover your nose and mouth when outside your home. Wearing a mask or cloth face covering can slow the spread of COVID-19 by limiting the release of the virus into the air.

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