

Impact of “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” Order on Washington Wineries, Breweries and Distilleries

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Yesterday, March 23, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee announced that he will sign the statewide **Stay Home, Stay Healthy Order** (the “Order”).

The Order requires every person to stay at home (unless they need to pursue an “essential activity”); bans all gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational purposes; and closes all businesses, except for “essential businesses.”

So, what does this mean for Washington wineries, breweries and distilleries?

After reviewing the Order and speaking with the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (the “WSLCB”), we confirmed that Washington wineries, breweries and distilleries may engage in the following activities:

- **Production.** Washington wineries, breweries and distilleries may continue production, as the production facilities are considered “essential.” (The Order identifies breweries and wine-making facilities as “essential”; it does not expressly discuss distilleries. Per discussions with the WSLCB, though, it is similarly allowing distilleries to continue production. If this changes, we will update the blog post.) Tasting rooms remain closed, as to any on-premises consumption like tasting, etc.
- **“To Go.”** Wineries may continue selling manufacturer-sealed bottles “to go” from their tasting rooms. Please maintain appropriate “social distancing” procedures to protect both employees and customers.
- **Delivery.** If you currently have delivery privileges, you may deliver product now. If not, you can request delivery privileges by submitting the [Added Activities form](#). Please send the form to nonretailliquorlicensing@lcb.wa.gov.
- **Curbside Delivery.** You can request curbside delivery by submitting the same [Added Activities form](#). As you will see, there is no box for or other reference to curbside delivery. Per conversations with the WSLCB, it is asking wineries, breweries and distilleries to handwrite or otherwise note the request for curbside delivery privileges on the form. Again, please send the form to nonretailliquorlicensing@lcb.wa.gov.

Stay safe out there!

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