



KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF BEVERAGE RETAILERS

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Office of the Governor
c/o Will Lawrence, Chief of Staff
300 SW 10th Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

The Kansas Association of Beverage Retailers represents Kansas owned retail liquor stores. We are reaching out to you to share information about our businesses in the context of these uncertain times. As the State considers how to best mitigate the effects of the current COVID-19 pandemic, we ask you keep these small businesses in mind.

Since April 1 2019, Kansas liquor stores sell other items in addition to beer, wine and spirits. Some are stocking household items and food products. As you can imagine, the restrictions placed on bars and restaurants across the country have attracted our attention and concern.

We ask that potential actions relating to retail sales allow our businesses to continue to operate, recognizing that we can provide pickup services under current law – either curbside or in the store. For a store to offer curbside pickup, they must license an area of the parking lot for the transaction. (Liquor delivery is not legal in Kansas.)

It is possible there could be a need to waive the requirement that curbside pickup services must include licensing an area of the parking lot – perhaps allowing the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control extra time to approve those diagrams. This may or may not be necessary.

Regardless, we stand ready to collaborate in order to serve the public interest. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Davis, President
Amy A. Campbell, Executive Director

cc: Debbi Beavers, Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control
Kate Davis, Office of the Governor