

**NOVEMBER 3, 2020,
NOTICE TO ALL FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS
OPERATING IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, OF
COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS**

[NOTE: Supersedes July 24, 2020, Notice]

Pursuant to Chapter 5.20 of the Sangamon County Code, food service establishments must have a permit or license to operate in Sangamon County.

The Sangamon County Department of Public Health (the “Department”), as the authorized representative of the Sangamon County Board of Health, is authorized to inspect all Licensees to determine compliance with Chapter 5.20.

Despite the Department’s and Licensees’ efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic, positivity rates in our area have increased.

Based upon the current data for Sangamon County, our medical advisory group has recommended additional mitigation restrictions to avoid those conditions which present a substantial immediate hazard to the public health.

Therefore, the failure of any Licensee to take those protective measures set forth on Exhibit A (attached hereto) poses a substantial immediate hazard to the public health, a violation of Section 5.20.080(C) of the Sangamon County Code, because such failure markedly increases the risk of exposure to COVID-19 to persons working at the Licensees’ establishments and those persons patronizing those establishments; these exposed persons, in turn, pose a threat to the community at large.

ACCORDINGLY, LICENSEES TAKE NOTICE: Effective immediately, and as authorized by Chapter 5.20, if such failures to take protective measures against COVID-19 as set forth in Exhibit A occur in the operations of any Licensee’s food service establishment, the Department will issue a written notice to the Licensee or operator citing such condition as a violation of Section 5.20.080(C), specifying the corrective action to be taken, and specifying the time period within which such action shall be taken; if the Department deems it necessary, such order shall also state that the permit is suspended at the time of inspection and that all food service operations are to be immediately discontinued.

Operating a food service establishment in violation of Section 5.20.080(C) and the failure to comply with any Department order issued pursuant to Section 5.20.080(C) are both violations of Chapter 5.20 which, in addition to any other penalties which may be imposed, subject the operator to a monetary fine of not more than five hundred dollars, with each day the violation continues constituting a separate offense.

SANGAMON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Effective: November 3, 2020, and until further notice.