

Fwd: - DRA Daily Update - Unemployment Insurance, Member Groups & more

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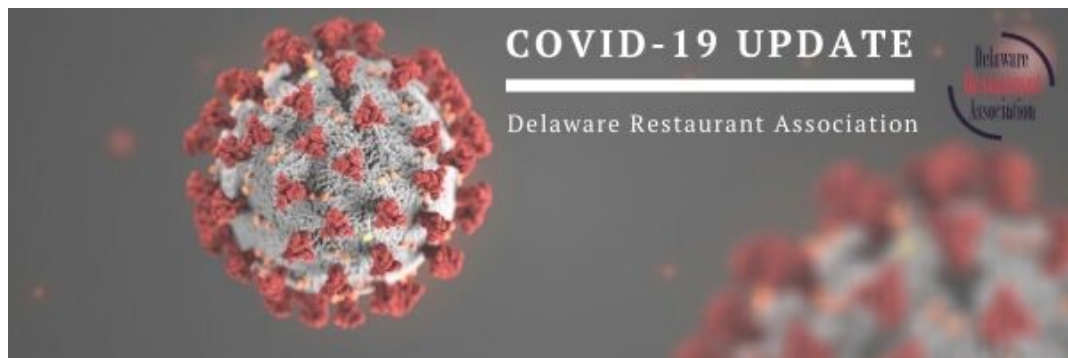
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The DRA is working around the clock to continually protect Delaware's restaurant industry.

1 in 10 Delawareans work in the restaurant industry, and we're proud to serve as the center and heartbeat of our communities.

Today, the DRA represented the industry at two high-level meetings with Governor Carney, his staff and Department Secretaries about an emergency relief package for businesses and employees.

We will diligently communicate with members, through email and our social media channels. Please also feel free to reach out directly with any urgent questions or needs.

Please stay tuned for daily updates.

We'll announce any breaking news additionally as needed.

UPDATES - Division of Public Health

Click [here to view](#) the updated Emergency Declaration with regard to restaurants, bars and taverns. The DPH has also created a sign that can be used to for businesses to demonstrate their status (open, takeout, and/or delivery). These can be placed on doors and any public-facing areas.



Governor Carney's UPDATED Coronavirus Emergency Declaration (3/16/2020), related to Restaurants/bars/taverns

In response to identified cases of coronavirus disease in Delaware, the Division of Public Health (DPH) is working with many partners, including the Governor's office, health care systems, EMS, DEMA, state, local and federal agencies, schools, legislators and the business community. Our efforts are now focused on mitigating the impact of coronavirus disease in our state. You can get additional information three ways:

- Find updates, FAQs and downloadable materials at DPH's coronavirus webpage: de.gov/coronavirus
- The Division of Public Health opened a public call center at 1-866-408-1899. People with a hearing impairment can call 7-1-1. The call center is open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and has a recorded message for after-hours callers.
- DPH can also receive public email inquiries and questions at DPHcall@delaware.gov

Restaurants, Bars and Taverns Should:

- Limit services to take-out, drive through and delivery services only to help prevent the spread of coronavirus; AND
- Use the **Restaurants/bars/taverns Modified Emergency Declaration Poster** to post the services being provided at your establishment in a place visible from outside the establishment; AND
- Use the restrictions imposed under the modified emergency declaration as a time to safely clean and disinfect all high touch surfaces in the establishments.



As part of Governor Carney's UPDATED
Emergency Declaration (3/16/2020), which relates
to Restaurants/bars/taverns, we are:

- Closed.**
- Offering take-out or drive-thru services.**
- Offering call-in orders and delivery.**

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS EXPANDED

The Delaware Department of Labor has expanded unemployment benefits offered to workers displaced by COVID-19. [Read the full release here.](#)

COVID-19

Delaware Division of Unemployment Insurance Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Potential Impact of the coronavirus [COVID-19]

1

WILL WORKERS QUALIFY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) CAUSES AN EMPLOYER TO SLOW DOWN OR CEASE OPERATIONS?

Answer: Unemployment benefits are available to individuals who are unemployed through no fault of their own. If an employer must shut down operations and no work is available, individuals may be eligible for unemployment benefits if they meet the monetary criteria and the federal weekly eligibility criteria. Claimants who are working reduced hours may be eligible and must report their gross wages at the time they are earned, not paid.

2

IF AN EMPLOYEE WITHOUT SYMPTOMS DECIDES TO SELF-QUARANTINE BECAUSE OF THE CORONAVIRUS, WILL THEY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS?

Answer: In most cases, no. Unemployment benefits are available to individuals who are totally or partially unemployed due to no fault of their own. In this example, the individual—not the employer—is choosing not to work and, therefore, would be ineligible. However, the facts of each circumstance are important. If the employer allowed this individual to telework, they would not qualify for benefits because they would not be unemployed. If the employer required the individual to stay home but did not offer telework, the individual might be eligible for benefits if they met the monetary and weekly eligibility criteria. Each claim must be investigated after it is filed.

3

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS IN MANDATORY QUARANTINE BECAUSE OF SUSPICION OF HAVING THE CORONAVIRUS, WILL THEY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS?

Answer: They might meet the initial eligibility criteria but not the ongoing federal eligibility criteria, which require them to be able to work, available for work, and actively seeking suitable work and would not be eligible for benefits.

Please encourage your employees/coworkers to start an online claim ASAP.

**Benefits may be available as early as next week,
if claims are started this week with expedited approval.**

Please visit the UI site to register today.

NEW DRA FACEBOOK GROUP - RESTAURANTS ONLY

Join us online in a new forum for DRA Members only - a great place to connect with the industry and DRA Staff.

- **Ask questions**
- **Connect with other owners/operators and staff**

- Share tips/ideas/community projects
- Share specials/delivery options and carryout specials



[Click here to join!](#)

SEND US YOUR SPECIALS!

We are compiling carryout, delivery, curbside pickup and all other specials being offered by DE restaurants. We'll be promoting these specials through our social media channels and sharing with the press. We want to promote all the services being offered to the local community by our members. Tell us today what you're offering!



Tell Us About Your Carryout/Delivery Specials!

We will be promoting specials tomorrow (Wednesday) using the hashtag

#CarryoutWednesday

This promotion will be nationwide and is being coordinated by the National Restaurant Association and local/state restaurant associations.



We are ready to promote all that you do!

Additional COVID-19 and Restaurant Resources:

[National Restaurant Association - COVID-19 Resources](#)

[Small Business Administration - Disaster Assistance Loans](#)

[DELAWARE NEWS - The News Journal](#)

[16 TOTAL CASES - Dept. of Health & Social Services](#)

[Coronavirus and Food Establishments](#)

[Cleaning & Sanitation Guidelines](#)

[Most Recent Delaware Updates](#)

[Unemployment Insurance Benefits \(Delaware\)](#)

[FDA Information Update on Supply Chain](#)

[Latest News from the Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - Workplace Readiness](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

March 2020

PLEASE NOTE - ALL CLASSES AND EVENTS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW AND MANY WILL BE CANCELLED, POSTPONED AND RESCHEDULED. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH TO ALL WHO HAVE REGISTERED/SIGNED UP OR BOUGHT TICKETS.

Mar 19 Women of Hospitality Pop-Up

Canceled

Mar 25 HR/Membership Roundtable Canceled
Mar 26 HR/Membership Roundtable Canceled

April 2020

Apr 1 DRAEF Annual Fundraising Dinner Postponed
Apr 6 ServSafe Manager Class/Exam Hyatt Place, Dewey Beach
Apr 20 ServSafe Manager Class/Exam H5H Training, Newark
Apr 29 DRA/DRAEF 2nd Quarter Board Meeting Howard High School

For registration, tickets and more information on any upcoming member events, please visit www.delawarerestaurant.org/calendar contact the DRA at 302.738.2545



For a full listing of upcoming ServSafe Classes, please visit www.delawarerestaurant.org/calendar. ServSafe Manager Classes are \$180 per student and include textbook, lunch and exam. DRA Members are eligible to host classes at their location with a minimum of 10 attendees for sign up - (includes 1 FREE student per class). The ServSafe Manager Certificate fulfills all DE Dept. of Health food safety requirements. Contact Raelynn@delawarerestaurant.org for more information.

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