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For Immediate Release:

The Montgomery County Health Department would like to assist restaurants as well as the consuming public in achieving compliance with the Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5). The key element is to ensure social distancing to reduce the spread of this virus. As of March 16, 2020 thru March 30, 2020 all food and beverage facilities must suspend any and all on-premises consumption of food and beverages. According to the Montgomery County Food Service Sanitation Ordinance any facility found to not be in compliance with this Executive Order will have their Food Service Operating Permit immediately suspended.

Food and beverage facilities may continue to serve the public by means of drive-thru, curbside service, and delivery. It is strongly recommended that any facility with the means to serve customers by a drive-thru, consider closing the lobby to walk-in patrons.

Food and beverage facilities may allow the public to enter the facility to place an order or to pick up orders to-go. Absolutely no food or beverages are to be consumed on the premises including beverages while an order is being filled. It is strongly recommended for facilities to make menus available on social media or on their front door to allow consumers to make their choices and to call in an order ahead of time to reduce the number of customers within a facility at one time. We also recommend maintaining no more than 5 customers waiting in line at one time. Customers are welcome to order and wait in their vehicle until their order is ready. Food facilities are encouraged to deliver to the car whenever possible.

The purpose of this order is to maintain social distancing. Maintain as much space between you and others in line as well as when waiting for orders to be filled.

Self-service areas should be discontinued. If a facility would like to maintain salad bars or food buffets for convenience, these should be served to the consumer by an employee to reduce the risk of pathogen transmission from the public.

This Executive Order also prohibits any public or private gathering of 50 people or more in one location.

For further questions or guidance please contact the Montgomery County Health Department at (217) 532-2001. Updates for the COVID-19 outbreak are available at montgomeryco.com/health or on our Facebook page.