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Attention all Town of Normal
Liquor License Holders

RE: Requirements for face coverings and social distancing

Dear Liquor Licensee:

The purpose of this letter is to review the requirements for face coverings in licensed establishments and reiterate your duty to help protect the health and safety of our community.

The COVID-19 virus continues to be a significant public-health risk. Today, the Illinois Department of Public Health announced 1,549 new confirmed cases of coronavirus disease in Illinois. The Department has reported a total of 196,948 cases, including 7,657 deaths, with 20 deaths in the last 24 hours, in Illinois.

Public-health experts say that face coverings and social distancing are essential in our fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Until a vaccine is available, face coverings and social distancing are our most effective tools in stemming the pandemic and saving lives.

The Illinois Department of Public Health issued an emergency rule concerning COVID-19 prevention. The rule was approved by the Illinois General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. That rule requires the use of face coverings in businesses when customers are not eating or drinking. The rule also prohibits gatherings of more than 50 people (or, if the building occupancy is less than 50 people, 50% of the occupancy). The rule sets out penalties for businesses that fail to enforce these requirements.

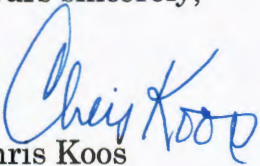
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As a liquor licensee in the Town of Normal, you have the legal duty to follow the law. In addition to the penalties under the Public Health Department's emergency rule, a failure to abide by health regulations and other laws may result in the revocation or nonrenewal of your liquor license. The Town will respond appropriately to violations.

I understand that these have been trying times, and I recognize the struggle that our businesses have faced during this pandemic. And I appreciate your willingness to do your part to protect our community. I am thanking you in advance for your cooperation and your dedication in keeping Normal safe and prosperous.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Koos
Liquor Commissioner

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