

# Client Alert: MA Governor Orders Prohibition Against On-Premises Bar and Restaurant Operations Due to COVID-19

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On March 15, 2020, stemming from concerns about COVID-19, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker issued an order prohibiting on-premises bar and restaurant operations.

The order, effective Tuesday, March 17 through April 5, 2020 (unless otherwise extended) states, in part ***“Any restaurant, bar or establishment that offers food or drink shall not permit on-premises consumption of food or drink; provided that such establishments may continue to offer food for take-out and by delivery provided they follow social distancing set forth in Department of Public Health guidance.”*** The order also bans gatherings of 25 people in a single room or venue.

The text of the order can be found [here](#).

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