

## **Governor Abbott Waives Certain Regulations To Allow Delivery Of Alcohol From Restaurants & To Support Hospitality Industry**

On Wednesday, March 18, **Texas Governor Greg Abbott** issued the below waiver allowing restaurants to **deliver alcoholic beverages** accompanied by food purchases to patrons, including beer, wine and mixed drinks. The ability to deliver such beverages is based on a restaurant's pre-existing permit(s). The Governor also directed the **Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC)** to waive certain provisions to allow manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages to repurchase or sell back unopened product.

Check out the [TABC website](#) for more information, and continue to visit our [COVID-19 Business Response Team practice page](#) frequently as we are updating and adding content on a rolling basis. If you have any questions, or need assistance with how COVID-19 is impacting your restaurant business, please contact [Craig Harris](#).



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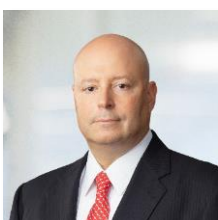
AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today issued a waiver that will allow restaurants to deliver alcoholic beverages with food purchases to patrons, including beer, wine, and mixed drinks. The Governor also directed the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) to waive certain provisions to allow manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages to repurchase or sell back unopened product.

These waivers are in response to the financial hardship caused by COVID-19 that has disproportionately affected the hospitality industry.

"The State of Texas is committed to supporting retailers, restaurants, and their employees," said Governor Abbott. "These waivers will allow restaurants to provide enhanced delivery options to consumers during this temporary period of social distancing."

Under this waiver, effective immediately, restaurants with a mixed beverage permit may sell beer, wine, or mixed drinks for delivery as long as they are accompanied by food purchased from the restaurant.

The buy-back waiver allows alcohol distributors and manufacturers to repurchase excess inventory from restaurants, bars, and clubs affected by event cancellations due to COVID-19.



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