

BRIGANTINE ELKS WINTER SCHEDULE AND COVID-19 RULES

November 16, 2020

Dear Members,

The Pandemic has had a significant impact on all of us, including the Lodge. The New Jersey Government most recent restrictions on bars and restaurants due to COVID-19 require us to adhere to specific rules which must be followed to continue operations. As a result of recent mandates, we have taken several actions:

First, and most important, we will meet NJ State Executive Orders EO#183 and EO#194 which define the requirements by which all bars and restaurants can continue operations. All Brigantine Lodge #2428 COVID-19 safety regulations will be based on these State mandates.

Second, in order to stay open and provide a safe social environment indoors, we have invested in your health and safety by installing ultraviolet blue light air sanitizers in our HVAC systems which are known to significantly reduce germs and viruses in the air, as well as an aerosol sanitizer machine to spray all surfaces in our Lodge.

Third, in order to remain fiscally responsible to our members in a period of declining winter attendance, we are changing our hours and making other changes to our bar, dining, and entertainment services.

Please read this document carefully, including the attached articles, and familiarize yourself with what is required to meet the State mandates and associated changes to our Lodge operations. Failure to do so can and result in citations and/or complete shut-down of our Lodge.

The following changes take effect immediately:

- Members must remain masked when entering the Lodge, when seated at their table, except when consuming food or drinks, and when transiting to and from their seat to any other location in the Lodge or outdoors.
- There will be no seating at the Back Bar. Members are prohibited from approaching the bar for a drink, standing, or congregating around the bar
- Members must be seated to order food and beverages. You will not be served if you approach the bar or if you are not seated at a table. Members must also remain seated unless using the restrooms or exiting outdoors.

The following changes take effect on Monday, November 22, 2020:

Lodge Winter Hours

Monday-Friday 4:00PM to 10:00PM

Saturday 2:00 to 10:00PM

Sunday Noon to 10:00PM

Dining Service Hours 5:00PM to 8:00PM on Thursday and Friday

Quizzo Wednesday 6:30PM

LAST CALL will be 9:30PM. The Lodge will close promptly at 10:00PM

Lounge is Re-Opening for Winter Months

- Bar service will continue with the re-opening of the Lounge. The Back Bar will be closed. **All bar service for Winter months will be waitress and/or bartender table service only.**
- Members will again access the Lounge through the members door with their membership swipe card.
- Members must sign in at the attendant's desk inside the Lounge door.
- Members must remain masked when entering the Lodge, when seated at their table, except when consuming food or drinks, and when transiting to and from their seat to any other location in the Lodge outdoors.
- Occupancy in the Lounge limited to 25% of Fire Department Occupancy Permit. **Limit 21 People. This will be strictly enforced.**
- There will be no seating at the Lounge bar. Members are prohibited from approaching the bar for a drink, standing, or congregating around the bar.
- Seating in the Lounge bar will be at tables set 6-feet apart. Furniture and stools are not to be moved. **This will be strictly enforced.**
- **Members must be seated to order food and beverages. You will not be served if you approach the bar. Members must also remain seated unless using the restrooms or exiting outdoors.**
- Banquet Pricing will be implemented for all beverages.

Banquet Room and Back Bar Seating Area; Outdoor Seating

- Occupancy in the Banquet Room and Back Bar seating area is limited to 25% of the Fire Department Occupancy Permit. **Limit 70 People. This will be strictly enforced.**
- All other Lounge rules apply for seating in the back areas as well as outdoors.
- Bartenders will serve beverages on Monday, Tuesday, Saturday, and Sunday only to patrons that are seated.
- Outdoor seating will continue as long as possible. Tarps will be installed to reduce wind on back patio. Heaters will be provided. This area will be bartender and waitress table service only as well.

Dining Service, Music, and Quizzo

- **Dining hours are 5:00PM until 8:00PM. Dining service will be reduced to two nights per week – Thursday and Friday.** Thursday will be light fare (current menu). Friday will be enhanced dinner platters, including a “heart healthy option”. Food will be served in all seating areas.
- There will be waitress service on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights.
- **Music will be scheduled for Friday night 6-9:30PM.** Music acts will be rotated weekly.
- **Quizzo will continue on Wednesdays at 6:30PM** as long as there is strong attendance, and at discretion of House Committee.
- Outdoor dining is allowed as long as weather permits.

Saturday/Sunday Football

- **Saturday hours will be 2:00PM to 10:00PM.**
- **Sunday hours will be 12:00PM to 10:00PM.**
- Bartender has discretion to close early if low attendance.
- Food Truck availability will be announced weekly.

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N.J. authorities cite 15 bars, restaurants for COVID-19 rule violations. More inspections planned.

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As the [number of new cases](#) of [the coronavirus](#) continues to surge in New Jersey officials have stepped up patrols to make sure restaurants and bars are following restrictions to slow the spread of the pandemic, Gov. [Phil Murphy](#) said Monday. The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control inspected 104 businesses in three counties over the weekend, issuing 15 citations for “various executive order violations,” Murphy said. Additional inspections are expected to occur.

“ABC will continue making these checks throughout the week,” Murphy said during [his latest COVID-19 briefing in Trenton](#). “Folks should expect that this is the first wave ... of a sustained effort.”

The inspections took place in Camden, Essex, and Hudson counties.

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New Jersey on Monday [reported 2,232 more coronavirus cases](#) and 14 additional deaths, while hospitalizations continue to climb to levels not seen since early June, as the state continues to deal with a second wave of the pandemic.

Last week, Murphy ordered bars and restaurants in the state [to close indoor dining](#) at 10 p.m. each night. Plus, [all private indoor interstate organized sports](#) up to the high school level will be off-limits under the new rules and indoor gatherings [will be dropped from 25 to 10 people](#) and outdoor gatherings from 500 to 100 people with the winter holidays fast approaching.

The Garden State has reported 16,580 total deaths attributed to the virus — 14,779 confirmed and 1,801 considered probable — with 281,493 total cases in the more than eight months since the first case was reported here March 4.

EO#194 November 12, 2020

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today signed Executive Order No. 194, which includes new COVID-19 mitigation measures. The measures include restrictions on seating and hours for restaurants, bars, clubs, and lounges, and prohibition of interstate indoor K-12 and youth sports. “As cases of COVID-19 increase across the country and in our state, we must take all measures necessary to stop the spread,” **said Governor Murphy**. “In the interest of public health, we are requiring modifications in operations for businesses that serve food and drinks, and temporarily prohibiting interstate games and tournaments for indoor K-12 sports. We must come together as a state to beat back once again this deadly virus and to save lives. “The measures being announced today include:

Restrictions on Hours for Restaurants, Bars, Clubs, Lounges, and Casinos –

1. Restaurants, bars, clubs, lounges, and other businesses that serve food or **drinks will not be able to operate their indoor premises between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.** Outdoor dining can continue after 10:00 p.m., as can takeout and delivery services.
2. Casinos will not be able to serve food or drinks between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., with the exception of room service delivered to guest rooms and takeout. Other casino operations would be unaffected.

Restrictions on Bar Seating, Increased Flexibility for Restaurants –

1. **Seating at the physical bar in the indoor areas of bars and restaurants will be prohibited during all operating hours.**
2. Due to the impact this may have on restaurants with small seating areas, restaurants will be allowed to have groups at tables indoors that are closer than six feet together, if they are separated by barriers that comply with guidance from the Department of Health.
3. Restaurants will be allowed to set up plastic domes outdoors, limited to one group each, as additional outdoor dining space.

EO#183 Excerpt September 4, 2020

“...food or beverage establishments,” are permitted to offer in-person service at indoor areas, provided that the establishment complies with the following requirements:

- a. **Limit the number of patrons in indoor areas to 25 percent of the food or beverage establishment’s indoor capacity,** excluding the food or beverage establishment’s employees.
- b. **Ensure that tables where individuals or groups are seated are six feet apart in all directions from any other table or seat and that individual seats in any shared area that is not reserved for individual groups, such as an indoor bar area, are also six feet apart in all directions from any other table or seat;**
- c. **Require indoor patrons to wear face coverings while inside the indoor premises of the food or beverage establishment. When seated at their table or their individual seat, indoor patrons shall wear face coverings until their food or drinks arrive, and after individuals have finished consuming their food or drinks, they shall put their face coverings back on.** The face covering requirement does not apply if the patron has a medical reason for not wearing a face covering or is a child under two years of age; d. **Food or beverage establishments shall only allow patrons to place orders for indoor table service when they are seated at a table, and only wait staff or other employees may bring food or beverages to seated patrons;** e. **Patrons may only consume food or beverages while seated;**

EO#192

Employers must comply with the following requirements:

- Require workers and customers to maintain at least six feet of distance from one another, to the maximum extent possible;
- Provide approved sanitization materials for employees and visitors at no cost to those individuals;
- Ensure that employees practice hand hygiene and provide employees with sufficient break time for that purpose;
- Routinely clean and disinfect all high-touch areas in accordance with DOH and CDC guidelines;
- Prior to each shift, conduct daily health checks, such as temperature screenings, visual symptom checking, self-assessment checklists, and/or health questionnaires, consistent with CDC guidance;
- Do not allow sick employees to enter workplace and follow requirements of applicable leave laws;
- Promptly notify employees of any known exposure to COVID-19 at the worksite; and
- Clean and disinfect the worksite in accordance with CDC guidelines when an employee at the site has been diagnosed with COVID-19 illness.