



BARS, NIGHT SPOTS AND ARENAS*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR COVID COMPLIANCE

**Bars are defined as not an eating establishment or restaurant and that have a permit to sell alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption. Other Night Spots and Arenas are defined as Lounges (such as cigar bars or hookah lounges), venues for live performances, dance halls, adult entertainment facilities, spectator stands at a sporting facility*

RESTRICTIONS

- Must be a seated establishment for guests
- Onsite sale and service of alcoholic beverages must cease between 9:00 pm and 7:00 am
- All sale of alcoholic beverages are in outside areas only

CAPACITY

Lowest number of one the following:

Indoor restrictions:

- Bars: Indoor seating areas and indoor amenities such as pool and billiards tables must be closed (see facility handout for pool halls and billiards parlors)
- Non-Bar Night Spot and Arenas can have indoor seating areas restricted to 25 guests but cannot serve alcoholic beverages in any indoor area

Outdoor Restrictions

- 100 people for the total seating area OR 30% of facility stated outdoor occupancy OR no more than 7 guest for every 1000 square feet of the outdoor area's square footage

SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS

- Limit number in the space so groups stay 6 feet apart and so that groups are spaced out by 6 feet from other groups; at a counter- each group separated from another group at the counter by 6 feet
- Ordering area: Bars not using wait staff must designate an ordering area which allows each guest to wait 6 feet apart from other guests; indoor ordering area; may order (but not consume) inside the bar's building

CORE SIGNAGE, SCREENING AND SANITATION

- Post Emergency Maximum Occupancy in noticeable place
- Post signs reminding guests and workers of maintaining 6 feet social distancing
- Perform frequent and routine clearing of high touch areas especially during peak times
- Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer at entrance and at other areas where needed; promote frequent hand washing
- Mark 6 feet of spacing in lines at high traffic areas
- Increase disinfection during peak time and disinfect all shared objects such as tables and menus between use

FACE COVERINGS

- All workers and guests must wear face coverings when they are or may be within the facility
- Applicable exceptions may apply to some persons not wearing face coverings

Pursuant to the Governor's Orders, owners and staff of a business can be charged with Class 2 misdemeanor for violation of the Orders. Individuals, including guests, customers can be cited for a Class 2 misdemeanor for violation of the Face Covering requirement. *Revised 1/21*

For more information, please visit

[covid19.ncdhhs.gov](https://www.covid19.ncdhhs.gov) or [governor.nc.gov/news/executive-orders](https://www.governor.nc.gov/news/executive-orders)

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