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Public Health staff to conduct compliance checks on restaurants and bars

Establishments can request visits from staff as well to answer questions, provide guidance

LAWRENCE – Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health staff will begin conducting compliance checks on establishments and venues that have a liquor license to ensure they are following the [local public health order](#) issued Sept. 4.

The order requires all restaurants, bars and entertainment venues with a liquor license to stop serving alcohol by 9 p.m. and to close the premises by 10 p.m. Food carryout or delivery is allowed after 10 p.m. Douglas County Health Officer Dr. Thomas Marcellino issued the order in response to a large number of COVID-19 cases stemming from bar environments.

“We are extending our resources to work with local restaurants, bars and entertainment venues because we understand that education and enforcement are critical supports for our public health order. The more we all work together, the better chance our community will have at reducing environments that increase risk for spread of the coronavirus,” Director Dan Partridge said. “We believe this order gives establishments clear guidance on how to operate safely during the pandemic.”

Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health sent letters this week to more than 170 establishments that have a liquor license to help inform them of the order. Staff will begin doing compliance checks to ensure public health guidelines are being adhered to.

Businesses are encouraged to request a site visit from LDCPH staff who can offer advice in person and answer questions about compliance, policies and guidance. Guidance is also available at LDCHealth.org.

Anyone with questions or concerns about compliance with a health order can email phorders@ldchealth.org.

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