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OV, Pima County limit in-store dining, close bars, gyms, theaters

Oro Valley rules take effect 8 p.m. Thursday, 3/19

On **Thursday** afternoon, Oro Valley **Mayor Joe Winfield** issued an **amendment** to Tuesday's proclamation of a **local emergency**, mandating **stricter rules** for businesses that serve **food and beverages**, as well as **closing bars, theaters, fitness**



County, OV halt dining-in through the end of March

To combat the spread of coronavirus, **Pima County Supervisors**

voted **3-2 Thursday** morning to mandate the **end of on-premises dining** in restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, retail food facilities and other similar businesses and establishments in



facilities and other **gathering** places.

Restaurant service will now be restricted to **take-out**, curbside **pickup** or **delivery**. **Consumption** of food and beverages is **not permitted** on the premises.

Hospitals and senior care facilities are **exempted** from the rule.

The measures take effect at **8 p.m. Thursday, March 19**, and extend until **midnight Tuesday, March 31**.

As of Thursday night, Oro Valley “bars, taverns, brew pubs, clubs” and other businesses serving alcohol are ordered **closed**, along with **theaters, cinemas, museums**, indoor and outdoor **performance venues, gyms, fitness, yoga** and **exercise** facilities.

In addition, businesses, employers and houses of worship are “**strongly urged to limit** gatherings on their premises, establish social distancing practices for their patrons and employees, and **avoid social gatherings** of more than **10 people**.”

Thursday’s changes **reflect** and support decisions made by the Pima County Board of Supervisors at their **March 19** special meeting. The Town of Marana has adopted similar restrictions.

“While each community has **unique** needs, our goal as a region is to bring **Pima County** into alignment with the management of COVID-19,” **Winfield** said. “As this crisis continues to unfold, community leaders are having to **constantly reassess** current guidelines and determine when to take **new measures**. Our County Board of Supervisors has determined that this next level of precaution is **necessary**, so the Town of Oro Valley will follow their lead and adjust our local **recommendations** accordingly.”

unincorporated Pima County until **April 1**.

Restaurant **drive-through, pick-up** and **delivery** services are **encouraged**.

The county declaration of emergency also says bars, taverns, clubs, breweries, theaters, cinemas, performance venues, museums, gyms, fitness and recreation centers, studios, bowling alleys and other **similar businesses** within unincorporated Pima County must be **closed** through **March 31**.

County restrictions do **not** apply to **grocery** and **convenience** stores, **pharmacies** and **drug stores, food banks** and **food pantries**, eating establishments located **within** health care facilities, **banks, financial institutions**, and **concessionaries** within Tucson International Airport.

The county board “**strongly urges** the leaders of the county’s houses of worship to **limit** gatherings on their premises, and to observe social distancing practices.”

And it urges “all business owners and employers” to **establish** social distancing practices for **patrons** and **employees** alike, and to **avoid** social gatherings of more than **10 people**.

To read reporting from Chamber Platinum member **The Arizona Daily Star / Tucson.com**, [click here](#).

To read reporting from Chamber Silver member **Tucson Local Media**, [click here](#).

Daily Star / Tucson.com to offer free listing for eatery take-out, delivery

To **support** local **restaurants** strapped by the coronavirus threat, **The Arizona Daily Star /**

“Many of our restaurants and other businesses have already taken these **precautions** in an effort to reduce the spread of coronavirus, and we are **deeply** grateful,” said Winfield. “Please continue working together to identify **creative** ways to continue supporting local restaurants and businesses.”
[Click here to view a PDF of the proclamation amendment.](#)
[Click here to view a PDF of the original proclamation](#) originally issued on **March 17**.

Businesses can seek up to \$2M in SBA loans

On Thursday, the **U.S. Small Business Administration** approved an **Economic Injury Disaster Loan**



declaration for **Arizona** that will help small businesses impacted by **COVID-19**. Individual businesses can be eligible for up to **\$2 million** through the program.

On Monday, **Gov. Doug Ducey** requested the assistance.

Loans may be used to pay **fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable** and other **bills** that can't be paid because of COVID-19's impact. The interest rate is **3.75 percent** for small businesses **without** credit available elsewhere. The interest rate for **non-profits** is **2.75 percent**. **SBA** offers loans with **long-term** repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of **30 years**. Terms are determined on a **case-by-case** basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay. Small businesses

Tucson.com is producing a dining guide directory that will list take-out and delivery options for all restaurants at **no charge**.

The directory is slated for **print** distribution in the **Thursday "Caliente"** section as well as the **Sunday** section.

The initiative is called **Open for Business**, allowing restaurants to tell the public about **delivery** and **takeout** services and contact information. Other options are **available** for providing customers more detailed information.

To input your information, [click here](#).

“The current **uncertain** times may be keeping all of us apart in one sense, but this **initiative** and others across Southern Arizona can **help** bring us back **together** in a **meaningful** and **timely** way,” said Darrell Durham, market development director for **The Arizona Daily Star / [tucson.com](#)**.

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throughout the entire state that fit this criteria are **eligible**.

Impacted Arizona businesses may apply for the loan [HERE](#).

“As we continue to address COVID-19 and **prioritize** public health, we are working with our federal partners to **mitigate** the **economic impact** on Arizona’s small businesses and employees,” Ducey said.

“Businesses suffering substantial economic injury because of COVID-19 can apply for this loan through the Small Business Administration's website by going to [SBA.gov/disaster](https://www.sba.gov/disaster). Our administration stands ready to help.”

Here’s a link to a [grocery delivery service](#).

Want to help a local restaurant?

Buy a gift card. You can do so through the reservation service **Open Table**.

To find your favorite local restaurant, [click here](#).

To help needy people, check on these links.

Chamber member [Interfaith Community Services](#) needs volunteers.

[Impact of Southern Arizona](#) has at least 170 volunteer shifts a week.

We are hearing from many businesses trying to deal with the pandemic outbreak of the Corona virus and how to keep their employees functioning.

Being advocates for business, we know that now is the time to consider what your company will do; if your employees can continue to work and how your employees can continue to work.

I have put together a list of considerations for you to review and think about as you consider your plan.

You can find the link below.

As chamber members and business owners, we will want to push for sustainability of our local economy and assist one another in keeping our businesses strong by buying local and from our chamber members.

If you wish to chat about any remote working considerations, please feel free to reach out to me. I am always happy to discuss business and definitely am interested in our shared goal of a strong economy.

Wishing you a healthy month ahead and a strong business.

Sincerely your fellow business owner and chairman,

Greg Durnan
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Greg Durnan, CEO of Acacia I.T. for
28 years and Active
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**Here is a link to some of the considerations
when trying to setup remote staff:
www.acaciait.com/prep-for-coronavirus/**

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