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Dear Lee County Bars & Restaurants:

Our office has received numerous calls, Facebook messages and e-mails with questions about Friday's Governor's Executive Order regarding indoor dining. These calls have been from food facility operators who are complying with the order, food facility operators who are not complying with the order and the general public.

Please be aware that the Lee County Health Department (LCHD) continues to advocate for mutually agreeable mitigation procedures for inclusion by the Governor's Office. In the interim, please follow the Governor's Executive Order to aid in the reduction of the positivity rate for the COVID-19 virus.

This e-mail serves as notification of the enforcement procedure for the Governor's Executive Orders for the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Verbal education, if possible
2. Subsequent complaints will be verified by LCHD personnel. Compliance with the indoor dining, outdoor dining, face-covering requirement and the spacing of tables 6 feet apart will be verified.
3. If non-compliance with the orders is observed, a Notice of Non-Compliance will be issued.
4. For facilities that continue to be non-compliant with the Executive Orders, The LCHD will make referrals to any or all of the following: Attorney General's Office, State Police and Liquor Commissioners.

We've been informed that if businesses choose not to follow the mitigation measures and the health department complaint records are pulled on an establishment that has a pending grant application, the funding stream could be suspended for that business. Additionally, if a COVID-19 outbreak, as defined by IDPH, is linked to your establishment, your food permit may be pulled without further notice.

Attached please find the Governor's Executive Order #202-56 for reference and the Resurgence Mitigation.

Sincerely,

Cathy Ferguson-Allen, M.P.H.
Administrator