

During this time while we are going through this COVID-19 response, the Orange County Department of Health has modified its operations and how it serves the public. Although our offices are open, we are not meeting with the public whenever possible. Please call our phone number

If you have questions that are specific to COVID-19, Please regularly check the [CDC's Novel Coronavirus webpage](#) or the [New York State Department of Health webpage](#) for updates. Additionally, New Yorkers can call a hotline at 1-888-364-3065 where NYS Department of Health will be available to answer questions regarding the Novel Coronavirus. If you are an Orange County resident and have recently traveled outside the U.S. and have questions regarding COVID-19, please contact the Orange County Department of Health at 845-291-2330

Please see below for additional information on services that our Department is currently providing.

WIC

WIC services are still being provided but there are no in-person visits. Please call ahead

Middletown office: (845) 360-6560 or (845) 346-1300
Harriman office: (845) 360-6550 or (845) 291-2044

Nursing

There is heavy call volume because of the response to COVID-19. All calls are currently going through our call center at 291-2330.

STD Clinics

There will be no STD Clinics until further notice

Immunization Clinics

There will be no Immunization Clinics for children or adults until further notice

TB Clinic

Please call (845) 568-5333 for information concerning the TB Clinic

Environmental Health

Goshen Office –(845)-291-2331

Please call ahead before coming to the office. All documents and permit applications can be dropped off in our lobby.

FAQ's

If I have a restaurant do I have to close?

Beginning on March 16th @ 8pm, food services are not allowed to have any indoor or outdoor seating available for patrons. Food services are allowed to stay open to provide carry-out or delivery services ONLY during this time. You CANNOT provide seating, regardless of time of day. You DO NOT have to close takeout and delivery after 8 PM. Restaurants that fail to abide by this directive could be issued violations and/or be subject to enforcement.

Should the bowling alley (or other public place) be closed?

We recommend that everyone adhere to social distancing procedures by staying home, providing 6' distance to people, not touching ones face, and washing hands with soap and water and/or using 60% alcohol hand sanitizer.

If the facility is producing food, there shall be no seating indoors or outdoors for patrons, it must be take out or delivery only.

Is Environmental Health still open?

Yes, the Environmental Health division is still providing essential services to the public, with our normal M-F, 9 am to 5 pm hours, and still providing 24-hour emergency telephone services by calling our main line 845-291-2331. Please note we have closed our offices to the public at this time, please call first before coming to our office OR if you are just dropping off paperwork, a bin is located in the lobby of the main entrance.

Is Environmental Health still taking potential foodborne illness complaints, no heat reports, rabies/bite reports, public water questions, etc.?

Yes, our office is still taking phone calls during regular business hours, M-F, 9 am to 5 pm, and after hours for emergencies only, at 845-291-2331.

Will children's camps be open this summer?

This situation continues to evolve rapidly. As of right now we do not know how long restrictions will be in place, please continue to check this site for updates, and/or call our office for more information 845-291-2331.

I operate a tavern with limited food, can I deliver/sell for takeout alcoholic beverages with orders of food consisting of items such as potato chips, pretzels, peanuts, etc.?

Yes, if this is the standard food requirement for your license, you may sell alcoholic beverages for takeout or delivery with these items.

Can I sell mixed drinks for takeout or for delivery sales?

Yes, provided the beverage is placed in a closed container. All sales must be consistent with municipal open container ordinances.

Do private clubs, VFWs, Elks Clubs, American Legions, etc., fall under the shutdown for on-premises sales?

Yes, private clubs fall under the shutdown guidelines.

I operate a micro-brewery, farm brewery or brewery, can I sell beer to go without the customer ordering food?

Yes, if the sale takes place on your premises. However, under the new guidelines, while breweries who do not also hold an on-premises license may take orders from persons not at the premises for delivery of beer, these orders for delivery must include food.

I operate a distillery, cidery or winery, can I sell products I produce without the customer ordering food?

You may for sales that occur in person at your premises; for orders from persons not at the premises, these orders for delivery must include food.

I have received orders for food in addition to ten (or more) mixed drinks, is this permissible?

Yes, the guidelines do not include restrictions on the quantity of alcoholic beverages, again provided they are in sealed containers.