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Message from Division of Food and Recreational Safety

Clarification of "Takeout" Orders Following the Emergency Declaration

This message is being sent for your awareness to local health officers, tribal health directors, health department staff, and key DPH staff.

Division of Food and Recreational Safety

Dear valued restaurant operator,

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) wants to provide clarification from the message that was sent on March 18. Specifically, this is to clarify the definition of "takeout" in the [emergency order](#) issued by Gov. Tony Evers.

The directive instructs restaurants and bars to end dine-in service and only provide takeout or delivery. No seating may be provided, and food may not be consumed at the restaurant.

Here is the new clarification for "takeout" orders:

- Online and phone orders can be picked up and paid for in person, provided there is social distancing of 6 feet between customers.
- Orders can be made onsite, limiting the total number of customers inside the establishment at one time to fewer than 10, if social distancing can be maintained during order, payment and pickup.

We recognize that this is a fluid situation. We will do our best to distribute information in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your role in keeping Wisconsinites safe and healthy by reducing the spread of COVID-19. If you have any questions, please send them to datcpfoodcomplaintsemergencyresponse@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

The Division of Food and Recreational Safety

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