



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**James O. Langfelder  
Mayor**

Springfield, Illinois – Pursuant to the authority granted by the City of Springfield Emergency Declaration, state and local law, Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder signed his sixth Emergency Order. In a proactive attempt to gain compliance and to give clear direction to business owners, the order states that all patrons of a bar or restaurant **must have an assigned table/seat**. The number of patrons in each establishment should not exceed the number of available tables/seats while maintaining required social distancing.

Patrons **must have an assigned table** (seated or high top) and **must remain at their table** unless leaving the establishment or going to the restroom. **If a person moves away from their assigned table or seat** (whether to visit another table, go to the bar, or restroom), **a face covering must be worn over the mouth and nose**. Wearing a mask is an important health and safety measure.

This weekend and throughout next week, representatives from the Springfield Police and Fire departments will be inspecting bars and restaurants and distributing the attached guidelines. Next Friday and Saturday, they will be doing COVID-19 compliance checks and issuing \$500 citations that could lead up to temporary suspension of the establishment's liquor license for subsequent offenses.

"We want our businesses to remain open; however, Springfield is part of the Central Region that is now at an increased warning level according to public health officials. This rise in COVID cases has been connected to many of our bars and restaurants because individuals are not wearing face coverings or following social distancing guidelines," said Mayor Langfelder. "It is unacceptable that a business might have to shut its doors and residents are out of work because some individuals feel inconvenienced by wearing a mask. We need to work together to slow and stop the spread of the coronavirus and avoid further damage to our economy. By working together, we will protect each other and our local businesses, which are the backbone of our community."

If businesses have questions regarding best practices and recommendations, or residents have concerns about a local establishment not complying with the order, they may contact the Springfield Fire Department's Fire Safety Division at 217.789.2170.

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