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**Charles County Department of Health Follows Governor Hogan's Executive Order for the Closure of Restaurant and other Facilities**

Based on the executive order from Governor Hogan Charles County Department of Health urges all bars and restaurants in the Charles County, as well as fitness centers, spas, and theaters, to close effective at 5:00 p.m. March 16, 2020.

To reduce the threat and protect the health, welfare and safety of the public the executive order has required the following:

- Effective 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020, all restaurants and bars can only serve food or beverages on a carry-out or drive-through basis or through delivery to customers off the premises
- Effective 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020, Fitness Centers are closed except for the fitness centers that provide licensed child care services for the purpose of continuing to provide child care services may remain open to the public.
- Effective 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020, all theaters are closed to the general public.
- Effective 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020, government buildings and facilities with large occupancy or attendance must post the social distancing recommendations from the health department in the facility and ensure that the employees have the capability to practice proper hygiene.
- Effective 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020, all bingo halls are closed to the general public.

This order will remain in effect until after termination of the state of emergency or further guidance is provided by the Governor's office.

Attachment: Amending and Restating the Order of March 12, 2020, Prohibiting Large Gatherings and Events and Closing Senior Centers, and Additionally Closing Bars, Restaurants, Fitness Centers, and Theaters

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