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A Statement from Mammoth Brewing Company and Bluesapalooza about the COVID-19 virus

"I wish it need not have happened in my time" said Frodo.

"So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us".

I have always remembered – and loved – that line from the first time I read it, when I was about my son's current age of 15yo. And so it is now that we find ourselves – as a society & community – in a challenging time. I choose to interpret those words as inspiration, not with fear but with resolve. I want to make decisions *today* that we will be proud of *after* we come out the other side of this time, and make no mistake, ***we will come out the other side!***

Effective this morning, we made the decision to **close all on-premise dining & drinking until conditions improve**, which could be who-knows-when... We'll see and adjust accordingly. We had already put in place several measures as this month has progressed, some just hours before mandated. And now I agree that the current decision by Gov. Newsom – as much as I hate it – is the correct one for the time being.

Therefore, we've teamed up with the Brocias and The Eatery team to **offer ToGo orders and packaged beer sales**, with reduced hours targeting the dinnertime hours only.

- Starting this afternoon, MBC will be offering The Eatery ToGo menu & packaged beer **for take-away only**, from 3:30 to 7:30pm each night. In addition,
 - MBC is offering half-priced 32oz crowlers and discounted 6pks for take-away only.
 - The Eatery is including free fries with every sandwich and burger order.
 - If you would like to call in your order in advance, please call (760) 934-7141 and press #10 to get a live person.
 - At this time, we are asking for credit & debit cards only, no cash.

- We have moved The Eatery ordering counter to near the front door along with a disinfectant station and a large waiting area, and are limiting how many people in the waiting area at one time to practice social distancing.
- Mammoth Distributing will continue to service all local retailers with product. We also represent June Shine Hard Kombucha, Pizza Port, Revision, Great Basin, Mother Earth Brewing and others, in addition to our own beers, and we will not let our local stores run out!
- Our production side will continue to brew and package for outside distribution to Southern California and Reno.

A quick note about the 25th Annual Mammoth Festival of Beers & Bluesapalooza

Like all events, we continue to closely monitor the situation (along with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mammoth Lakes Tourism and Mono County Department of Health), and we will make decisions about this festival as we get closer to July 30th through Aug. 2nd. More details to come, but I just want you to know that we are still welcoming all our visiting breweries, performers and public to this 25th Anniversary event! **The event is still four and a half months away** and many things could change. For more information on Bluesapalooza, please regularly visit our website (<https://mammothbluesbrewsfest.com/>).

These indeed are some challenging times, and we will all see it through by being smart and responsible. I am so honored to be part of a community that is strong & resilient, and we will be announcing some additional measures that we are able to offer in the coming days. And as you've probably seen when you've driven by recently, we are also making some improvements to the building and beer garden, and we look forward to welcoming you into our space in the future.

For the time being everyone, please stay safe and healthy. We love you all and look forward to enjoying our time again!

- Sean Turner and the MBC Team

