



FRLA has received numerous inquiries regarding DBPR Emergency Order 2020-09, which prohibits the on-premises consumption of alcohol at bars, effective Friday June 26, 2020.

It is FRLA's understanding that Emergency Order 2020-09 **does not alter provisions of Executive Order 20-139, section 4.A.,** effective June 5, 2020, which states in relevant part that **"Restaurants and other establishments...may operate at fifty (50) percent of their indoor capacity, excluding employees, as under Executive order 20-123, Section 1. Bar areas may be open with seated service."**

THIS MEANS THAT RESTAURANT BAR AREAS ARE ALLOWED TO OPERATE AT 50% CAPACITY, WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND SEATED SERVICE ONLY.

These two orders taken together mean SFS (Special Food Service) alcohol licensees, which must, as a condition of license, have sales greater than 50% in food and non-alcohol, remain status quo under EO 20-139, which allows bar top seating with proper party separation, social distancing, and occupancy restricted to 50%.

We caution that your local restrictions may supersede the above, and the overarching objective of EO 2020-09 is preventing crowds from gathering, which businesses have an obligation to actively control.

For additional information, or to report violators of Emergency Order 2020-09, please contact the DBPR Customer Service Hotline at 850-487-1395.