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TO: Gerald Lawson, Attorney, on behalf of the Cities of Millington and Arlington

FROM: Bruce Randolph, M.D., M.P.H, Shelby County Health Officer

RE: Health Directive No. 2 - Guidance to restaurants regarding take-out service and CDC guidelines on limiting gatherings to no more than 10-persons

Restaurants may permit patrons to enter the restaurant to pick up food for carry-out dining. Dine-in service is not permitted and patrons are not permitted to sit inside the restaurant premises to wait on a carry-out order.

Restaurants that do not already offer a "drive-through" order service are strongly encouraged to avoid allowing lines to form by requesting that patrons place their food orders in advance by telephone, online, or other remote means, and request that they wait in their vehicle until the order is ready. If patrons do not have a vehicle, or if they must enter the premises for order, payment, and/or pick-up, access should be restricted to one patron at a time whenever possible. However, should patrons have need to form a line inside or outside of the premises, they must remain a minimum of 6-feet apart and in no event are more than 10 patrons at a time permitted to be inside the premises.

Please keep in mind that the goal is safety while balancing the needs of citizens to receive the necessities of life, i.e., food. Every effort should be made by restaurants and patrons to take steps to stop the spread of this deadly disease because these prophylactic actions are meant to protect everyone.

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