

7/10/2020 – Businesses Required to Enforce “No Mask, No Service”

Mandate: Beginning July 7th, businesses statewide are required to refuse service to any customers refusing to wear a face covering. This includes both indoor and outdoor service. Yakima County has previously been operating under this policy and Governor Inslee is now extending this requirement statewide. There are limited exemptions to this order: Children under the age of two should not wear face coverings. Children ages three and four are encouraged, but not required to wear a face covering. Exemptions also include those with certain medical conditions who may be adversely impacted by wearing a facial covering. Customers may remove face coverings while seated (eating and drinking) or communicating with a person who is Deaf or hard of hearing. The WA Hospitality Association has put together these [helpful guidelines](#) on how to encourage customers to mask up.

Live Music & Bar Seating Prohibited in Phase 2 & 3: Governor Inslee just issued new guidance for breweries, wineries, restaurants, and taverns regarding live music and bar seating. Effective immediately until further notice, live music is prohibited. Bar seating must also be closed in both Phases 2 and 3. You can read the Governor’s industry memo, [here](#).

TTB Deferred Filing/Payment Due Dates Period Has Ended – The 90-day postponement period for federal excise tax filings and payments, as well as operational reports and other filings, announced by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) on March 31 has come to a close. The Department of the Treasury informed the 130 members of Congress who signed a request to extend the deferment period on taxes through the end of calendar year 2020 that it did not plan to take action extending the previous deferment beyond its expiration on July 1, 2020. In the absence of any official TTB guidance on this issue (which is, however, apparently under development), it is important to file your excise tax returns to avoid a failure to file penalty. Making a payment, even if you are only able to make a partial one, is also strongly encouraged. Please refer to [TTB Industry Circular 2020-2](#) for complete information, including the two attachments which reference the new due dates for deferred filings.