



Department of Commerce

Division of Liquor Control

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The Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Liquor Control will allow a bar or restaurant to return unopened high proof liquor products purchased within the past 30 days as a way to provide economic assistance to bar and restaurant owners during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This courtesy also extends to those who may have obtained a temporary permit (F2) for an event, scheduled between March 12, 2020 and April 6, 2020, and that event is now cancelled. Additional consideration will be given closer to April 6, 2020 if needed.

All a bar/restaurant or F2 permit holder needs to do is bring the unopened high proof liquor product back to the Contract Liquor Agency they purchased the product. The Agency will call the Liquor Enterprise Service Center (LESC) for approval. Approval is immediate, but awareness of the return is necessary.

For questions or more information regarding the one-time high proof liquor buy back, please feel free to contact the LESL at [877-812-0013](tel:877-812-0013) or OhioLiquorInfo@com.ohio.gov.