

Impact of November 18, 2020, Executive Orders

On November 18, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed [Executive Order 2020-968](#), which implements new strategies to ensure the health and safety of Kentuckians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 7 of this order provides guidelines for event spaces, which includes charitable gaming facilities, and **limits the occupancy of such spaces to 25 people per room.**

Additionally, Executive Order 2020-968 requires bars and restaurants to cease all indoor consumption of food and beverages. Organizations may continue to conduct charitable gaming in locations that would qualify as a bar or restaurant (e.g., a location with an alcohol license or a food service permit) provided they comply with [Healthy at Work requirements for bars and restaurants](#), except that no food or drink may be served for indoor consumption. Please note, these requirements include mandatory social distancing, mask usage, and expanded sanitation measures.

Here is how this impacts organizations that conduct charitable gaming:

- All licensed and exempt organizations that conduct charitable gaming, regardless of the type of gaming activity or location of the gaming activity, must continue to do so in compliance with the [Healthy at Work minimum requirements](#) and the [requirements specific to the type of location](#) at which gaming activity is conducted as well as any other orders issued by the Governor, Cabinet for Health & Family Services, or local health department.
- Since licensed charitable gaming facilities qualify as event venues, any charitable gaming activity conducted in a licensed charitable gaming facility is subject to the [guidelines specific to Venues and Event Spaces](#) and must limit attendance to 25 people per room at a time.
- **Bingo:** Pursuant to the [Order of Secretary of June 23, 2020](#), licensees and exempt organizations that conduct bingo must comply with all [guidelines specific to Venues and Event Spaces](#) and must limit attendance to 25 people per room at a time, regardless of whether the activity occurs in a licensed or unlicensed charitable gaming facility.
- **Pulltabs (Paper and Electronic):** Licensed charitable organizations may conduct pulltab activities in a licensed charitable gaming facility subject to the licensed facility requirements mentioned above or in an unlicensed facility, such as a veterans' post or fraternal lodge, subject to the location-specific requirements (e.g., if gaming occurs in a bar or restaurant, then the organization must comply with the [bar and restaurant requirements](#))
- **Raffles:** Licensed and exempt charitable organizations may conduct raffle activities in a licensed charitable gaming facility subject to the requirements mentioned above or in an unlicensed facility, such as a veterans post or fraternal lodge, subject to the location-specific requirements (e.g., if gaming occurs in a bar or restaurant, then the organization must comply with the [bar and restaurant requirements](#)). Licensees may also conduct raffles online pursuant to the emergency regulation [820 KAR 1:050E](#).
- **Charity Fundraising Events:** Pursuant to the [Order of the Secretary dated July 8, 2020](#), licensees that conduct charity fundraising events must comply with all [guidelines specific to Venues and Event Spaces](#) and must limit attendance to 25 people per room at a time, regardless of whether the activity occurs in a licensed or unlicensed charitable gaming facility.