# Handbook Addendum: COVID-19

#### **COVID Sick Leave**

If you are, or your minor dependent child is, subjected to an individual order of mandatory or precautionary quarantine or isolation issued by New York State, the New York State Department of Health, a local board of health, or any other government entities authorized to issue such order due to COVID-19 (Individual Quarantine Order), you may be eliqible for paid and/or unpaid leave in addition to Paid Family Leave benefits (PFLB) and Disability benefits (DB).

## Program Specifics

For the duration of your Individual Quarantine Order, the Company is required to provide you with 14 days of paid sick leave.

Leave will be provided without the loss of any accrued sick leave and may only be used for up to three orders of quarantine or isolation.

### Eligibility

You are not eligible for leave if you are deemed asymptomatic or have not yet been diagnosed with a medical condition and are physically able to work remotely or through other means while under an Individual Quarantine Order.

If you have returned to the United States after non-business-related travel to a country from which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a level two or three travel health notice, you are not eligible for these benefits if you were provided notice of the travel advisory, were warned that you would not be eligible for such benefits if you elected to travel to such countries, and chose to travel anyway. All employees in this category are entitled to use any accrued leave provided by the Company. If you do not have any accrued leave, you may use unpaid leave for the duration of the quarantine or isolation.

In no event shall an employee qualify for sick leave under New York's COVID-19 sick leave law for more than three orders of quarantine or isolation.

### Restoration

Upon return from leave, you will be restored to the same position you held before the leave with the same pay and other terms and conditions of your employment.

## How to Apply for Benefits

Information on how to apply for DB and/or PFLB when you are under an Individual Quarantine Order is available at <a href="https://paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/if-you-are-quarantined-yourself#how-to-apply">https://paidfamilyleave.ny.gov/if-you-are-quarantined-yourself#how-to-apply</a>.

#### **Business Closure**

If the Restaurant or Company temporarily closes or goes out of business due to COVID-19, you may not be eligible for the above-mentioned benefits and should immediately apply for unemployment insurance. The unemployment insurance benefits one-week waiting period has been waived. Information on how to file a claim can be obtained at https://labor.ny.gov/unemploymentassistance.shtm.

#### Discrimination and Retaliation

The Company will not discriminate or retaliate against employees who take leave in accordance with this policy.

# Acknowledgement

I have reviewed this handbook addendum and acknowledge that the above policy may change, in which my employer will inform me of any changes as issued by federal, state or local laws.

I understand that related forms and posters are also available at <a href="https://www.tic-nyc.com/tichbooks">www.tic-nyc.com/tichbooks</a> .		
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