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To All Charitable Organizations:

The Department of Charitable Gaming has received numerous inquiries from our licensees since Governor Beshear announced yesterday that the Department's licensees and exempt organizations are suspended from conducting <u>all</u> charitable gaming activities. This includes, but is not limited to, bingo, pulltabs, electronic pulltabs, raffles, and charity fundraising events. Our Department staff is still available; however, the current state of emergency has required us to adjust our working processes, and this may affect response times. We ask for your patience during this time.

All requests to renew or update licenses will still be accepted and processed by staff. We are working diligently with all of our licensees to make sure there is no lapse in charitable gaming activities once the suspension is lifted. We encourage you to submit all applications and requests through e-mail to <u>DCG.Info@ky.gov</u> or fax (502) 573-6625.

We have received several questions from licensees asking if they may continue specific types of gaming that they believe can be conducted safely with regard to the current pandemic. Please understand that all charitable gaming licenses and exemptions are currently suspended. There are no exceptions to this rule. The Department will notify licensees immediately if this changes.

We are aware that there are many licensees in the midst of raffle sales. All raffle sales will need to be addressed as follows:

- No raffle drawings may be held and no raffle tickets may be sold until the suspension has been lifted;
- Each organization that chooses to modify its license to change the date of a raffle drawing should contact its licensing specialist to do so;
- At this time, the Department cannot predict how long the State of Emergency under Executive Order 2020-215 will remain in effect. Therefore, the Department cannot advise organizations on a suggested date to reschedule any raffle drawings. If an organization



would like to reschedule any event, the Department of Charitable Gaming will be ready to assist.

Licensees that file quarterly financial reports are still required to submit these reports by April 30, 2020. This may be subject to change, and the Department will immediately notify licensees if any such change to the reporting deadline occurs.

We are working diligently to assist all of our licensees to assure they do not have a lapse in charitable gaming activities once the suspension is lifted. If you have any additional questions, please submit them to dcg.info@ky.gov or call the office at (502) 573-5528.

We are going to make it through #COVID19 together. We are #TeamKentucky.

Thank you.

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