



To our customers,

Governor Pritzker recently implemented certain restrictions in DuPage County, Lake County and suburban Cook County whereby he seeks to shutdown indoor dining at restaurants. These restrictions would impact all of our restaurants. Based on prior court rulings, we believe the Governor lacks the authority to implement these restrictions, and as a result we will remain open for business. The Governor is implementing these restrictions via his perceived authority from the emergency powers set out in the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. However, the Circuit Court of Clay County has already ruled that the Governor's emergency powers expired back in April, 30 days after he declared Illinois was in a state of emergency. We intend to file a lawsuit today against the Governor and the applicable health departments tasked with implementing his restrictions, which seeks a ruling confirming that the Governor has overstepped his authority.

Our decision to stay open is not a political statement. We do not think COVID-19 is a hoax, and take all safety guidelines, including masks very seriously. We are well aware of the detrimental impact the pandemic has had on our country, community, and customers. The health and wellbeing of our staff and customers remains our number one priority and all safety protocols will remain in place. We are remaining open because staff and ownership need to be able to earn a living, and our customers need a place to go to have some normalcy in their lives. We believe the Circuit Court of Clay County correctly ruled that the Governor has overstepped his authority, and we believe the judge in our suit will reach the same conclusion.

Shakou Restaurants will remain open unless and until a court rules that we must close. If you would like to dine at any Shakou Restaurant please visit us at [Resy.com](https://www.Resy.com) for reservations. Otherwise we remain open for [carryout](#), [curbside pickup](#) and delivery by [Doordash](#) and [Grubhub](#).

[Link to Clay County Decision](#)