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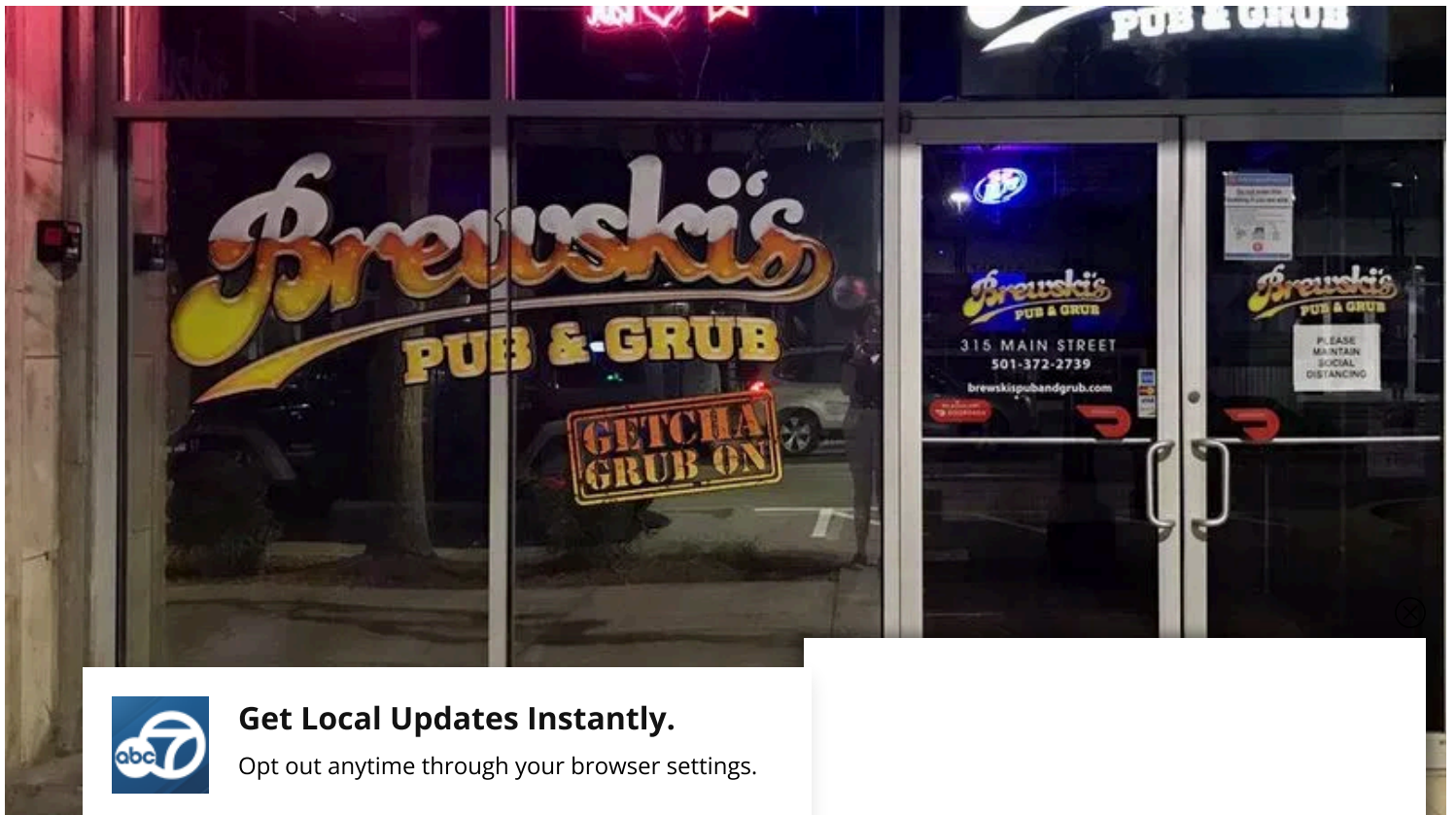
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Little Rock bar broke health rules, was ordered to close, state says

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LITTLE ROCK (KATV) — Arkansas ordered a popular bar in downtown Little Rock to close over the weekend after tracing a "cluster" of [coronavirus](#) infections to the business and learning that the business hadn't been following state health rules.

The state Department of Health ordered [Brewski's Pub & Grub](#) to close Saturday as an imminent threat to public health. The business posted on Facebook that three employees had tested positive for the virus.

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The department's order says that state officials inspected the bar and found it was not [limiting guest capacity](#) to 66 percent or arranging

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"We wish they would, but we can't do much," the manager said.

The bar is the first business the state has shut down over health violations during the pandemic.

"We expect compliance with our [public health guidelines](#)," Gov. Asa Hutchinson said at a news conference Monday. "If you're not complying with those, if they are not willing to enforce it, then they cannot stay in operation."

Brewski's will remain closed until a hearing with the Department of Health. A date for that hearing had not been set Monday.

The bar posted on Facebook that it has been following health guidelines and will work with health officials to safely reopen. The post said the bar will not work if they showed symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19. The bar also showed a sign on the front door encouraging customers to wear masks.



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Other businesses have closed voluntarily as cases of the virus increase. The Flying Saucer in downtown Little Rock [announced Friday](#) that it had closed "until it's safe to reopen."

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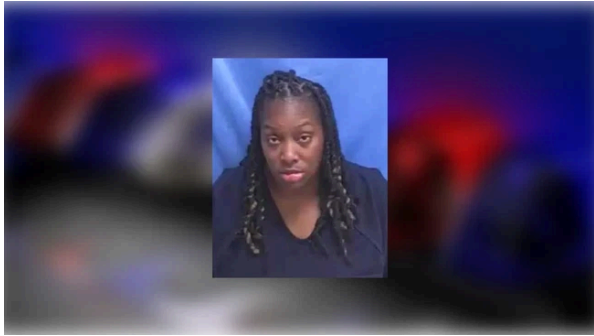
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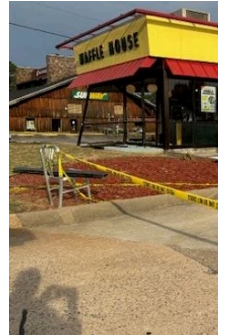
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