



March 16, 2020

To our valued Guests,

Thank you for your continued support.

**This morning, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a sweeping executive order to temporarily close dine-in services at all bars and restaurants. The order will go into effect at 3 p.m. on Monday, March 16, and is in effect through March 30.** The order also states that restaurants may only allow five customers inside at a time to pick up orders, and they must stand six feet apart from each other. We don't feel confident that we can do this consistently. Therefore, it is with heavy hearts that we will close, at least through March 30.

We will continually re-evaluate as this situation evolves and keep you updated as to when we may re-open. Our priority remains protecting public health and employee health; and complying with local, state and federal regulations.

**Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has signed Executive Order 2020-10 temporarily expanding eligibility for unemployment benefits effective immediately, and until Tuesday, April 14, at 11:59 p.m.** Knowing that our staff could apply for benefits helped with our decision. We will also be providing our employees with one-week emergency pay. (Michigan unemployment info can be found at [www.michigan.gov/UIA](http://www.michigan.gov/UIA) or 1-866-500-0017.)

We urge you to stay informed by relying on trusted local sources for information. Washtenaw County Health Department's website is updated regularly and has many links to additional resources. <https://www.washtenaw.org/3095/COVID-19>

Many of you have reached out to show your support and we thank you. You may certainly purchase gift cards on our website ( [www.cardamomA2.com](http://www.cardamomA2.com) ) any time, and we will snail mail them to you. We would prefer, however, that you help those in our community facing food insecurity by supporting Food Gatherers, Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels and Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels.

With deep gratitude,  
Binod Dhakal & Becky Winkler-Dhakal, Owners, Cardamom Restaurant