NEW HAMPSHIRE LIQUOR COMMISSION

Industry Circular



Division of Enforcement, Licensing and Education

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Relative and Applicable Statutes and Rules:

RSA 175:1

Important Updates

1. Discussion

In the afternoon of March 11, 2021 Governor Chris Sununu offered new guidance on the Food Service Industry Safer at Home document. Below are relevant changes made concerning licensed premises.

DJ's/ Karaoke/ Small Group Bands

Disc jockeys and solo artists (including Karaoke) are allowed to perform inside a restaurant or function hall as long as they can maintain physical distance of 8 feet apart from audience members. One performer is allowed on stage at a time. All participants/performers must use their own a microphone. Sharing of microphones is not allowed unless and until the microphone has been sanitized/cleaned per the CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfection or a protective cover is used by Karaoke provider and is removed and changed between use.

Small group bands (3 performers or fewer) are allowed as long as they can maintain physical distance of at least 10 feet from audience members.

Customers must remain seated throughout the performance unless entering, exiting or using restrooms.

Games and other bar functions (e.g. pool/billiards, darts, arcade games, etc.) are allowed provided social distancing is adhered to at all times.

Limit tables to no more than ten (10) individuals total.

Seating at bars, tables and back-to-back booths can be positioned closer than 6 feet between parties if protective, non-porous, rigid barriers separate the tables and booths (e.g., structural walls or Plexiglas/rigid plastic dividers)

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For Post- Wedding Celebrations and Meals:

Indoor events in venues may operate at 100 percent of their normal operating seating capacity that can be accommodated with social distancing between tables. There should be a limit of 10 individuals at a single table.

You can view the updated Safer at Home documents: https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day festivities are quickly approaching. Please ensure your premises are properly staffed to accommodate an increase in patronage while maintaining compliance with the Safer at Home guidance.

2. Questions

The Division of Enforcement & Licensing is committed to assisting you in your business needs. If you have any questions regarding your liquor license, please contact the Division of Enforcement & Licensing at 603-271-3521.