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Oregon Bars & Restaurants may resume limited Outdoor Dining

Restrictions still remain on indoor dining based on Covid-19 cases in each county

Oregon Health Authority provides specific guidance for hospitality industry

PORTLAND, OR. – In the latest effort to fight the coronavirus pandemic and protect Oregonians, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has produced specific guidance on how to conduct business activity. The framework provides specific operational guidance to <u>bars, restaurants, wineries and distilleries</u>.

OHA developed the guidance after Governor Kate Brown, on <u>December 1, 2020</u>, announced updates to county risk levels designed to reduce transmission of the COVID-19 virus. The risk levels and guidance are effective as of December 3, 2020, as described in the <u>Governor's Executive Order 20-66</u>.

The <u>framework uses four different risk levels</u> based on COVID-19 spread—Extreme Risk, High Risk, Moderate Risk, and Lower Risk—and assigns health and safety measures for each level depending on the type of activity.

The Governor's office has created a comprehensive <u>coronavirus website</u> with the latest information about the statewide and county level impacts of the pandemic. The website features a drop down menu to see county-by-county risk levels, allowed activities, and the corresponding personal and business activity guidance.

To help licensees with operational requirements, the OLCC <u>will soon update</u> the OLCC COVID-19 Alcohol FAQ's to reflect how the <u>risk levels</u> impact licensee operations; this update will be found on the <u>OLCC website</u>, under the COVID-19 Resources tab, and the <u>Business Continuity Information</u> – Alcohol link.

The OLCC update will include information about: on-premises consumption, specialized venues operations, and expansion of the licensed premises. OLCC website visitors should check back often for updated information.

Additional guidance covering other personal and economic activities can be found on the <u>OHA Covid-19 Update</u> website. Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-66 can be found on the Governor's website.

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