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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Industry Members
FROM: Tim Poulin, Deputy Director
RE: Governor Mills Takes Further Steps to Respond to COVID-19, Protect Health and Safety of Maine People
DATE: March 18, 2020

This memo contains critical information so please read it in its entirety.

Today, Governor Mills took further steps to respond to COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of Maine people. Here are the main points from the Governor's Executive Order impacting the sale of beer, wine and spirits at all on-premises establishments licensed under Chapter 43 of Title 28-A including but not limited to all types of licensed restaurants, auditoriums, hotels, motels, manufacturers' tasting rooms, taverns, golf courses with mobile carts and auxiliary locations, qualified catering, catering, social, fraternal, and veterans' clubs – basically anyplace that a consumer can be served alcoholic beverages to be consumed at an establishment. The Executive Order becomes effective today, March 18, 2020 at 6:00p.m. and ends at midnight on March 31, 2020, subject to review and renewal.

In part from the Governor's Executive Order:

“All restaurants and bars shall close their dine-in facilities. Such businesses that offer carry-out, delivery, and drive-through food and beverage service may continue to do so but eating and drinking inside restaurants and bars is temporarily prohibited.”

“Beverage” in the context of the Executive Order was intended to permit the sale by bars and restaurants to include beer and wine in the original manufactures' sealed containers. Beverages will NOT include spirits products. The sale of beverages by bars and restaurants must be accompanied by a food order. The food requirement is based upon the type of liquor license issued by the Bureau.

Use this link to view the Governor's entire Executive Order:

<https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/news/governor-mills-takes-further-steps-respond-covid-19-protect-health-and-safety-maine-people>

The Bureau will continue to communicate updates on this Executive Order as needed. If you have any further questions on this matter, please contact me directly at Tim.Poulin@Maine.gov or 207.287.6750.