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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Golf Courses
FROM: Tim Poulin, Deputy Director
RE: Permissible Activities on Golf Courses
DATE: May 4, 2020

This memorandum is intended to give all golf courses licensed by the Bureau to sell beer, wine and spirits, whether public or private, guidance on permissible activities for the month of May 2020.

Governor Mills has taken multiple steps over the last 2 months to respond to COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of Maine people by requiring all on-premises establishments licensed under Chapter 43 of Title 28-A to cease all dine-in activities. Impacted licensees include but are not limited to all types of licensed restaurants, auditoriums, hotels, motels, manufacturers’ tasting rooms, taverns, golf courses with or without 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 Governor extended the closure until May 31, 2020.

To reiterate, the Governor’s March 18th and April 29th Executive Order required the following:

“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.”

This closure for dine-in facilities is still in-effect. Golf courses must adhere to the following:

1. All golf courses **must not** sell any beer, wine or spirits for consumption on the premises including from mobile service carts or auxiliary licensed areas on the course.
2. All golf courses, **based on the type of licensed issued by the Bureau** may:
 - A. Be open for curbside pick-up or delivery only;
 - i. Food along with beer, wine and spirits sold by the licensee **must not be consumed** any place on the golf course, or in parking lots.
 - ii. "Premises" means all parts of the contiguous real estate occupied by a licensee over which the licensee has direct or indirect control or interest that the licensee uses in the operation of the licensed business and that have been approved by the bureau as proper places for the exercise of the license privilege.

B. With food orders:

- i. Sell beer and wine in the manufacturers' original sealed containers;
- ii. Fill growlers from kegs in their establishments (see my April 23rd memo on [growlers](#) for complete details and guidelines); and
- iii. Create and/or sell cocktails to go containing spirits (see my April 27th memo on [cocktails to go](#) for complete details and guidelines).
 - i. To view all guidance memos, go to <https://www.maine.gov/dafs/bablo/liquor-licensing>.

3. All golf courses must adhere to the strict social and physical distancing requirements as mandated by the Governor on April 29th.

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