MEMORANDUM

TO: All On-premises licensees in Androscoggin, Cumberland and York Counties
FROM: Tim Poulin, Deputy Director
RE: Updated Guidance for openings of on-premises licensees for June 17th
DATE: June 17, 2020

This memo is intended to update the Bureau’s guidance memo of May 14th regarding the opening of restaurants for June 17th that are liquor licensees.

On Monday, June 14th, Governor Mills amended her Re-Opening Plan for Maine’s Economy to allow restaurants in Androscoggin, Cumberland and York counties to open for on-premises consumption of food and all types of beverages on June 17th; this includes both inside and outside dining. Liquor licensees who hold a Class A Lounge and manufacturers with tasting rooms are only permitted to conduct outside activities in Androscoggin, Cumberland and York counties.

For clarification:

If you are a Class A Restaurant, Restaurant or Class A Restaurant Lounge, you are permitted to conduct on-premises sale of food and all beverage types for both inside and outside consumption using the DECD’s COVID-19 Prevention Checklists for restaurants.

If you are a Class A Lounge licensee (bars) or a manufacturer with only a tasting room, you are permitted to conduct on-premises consumption outside only using the DECD’s COVID-19 Prevention Checklists for restaurants.

In our May 14th memo, (please use this link or go to our website at https://www.maine.gov/dafs/bablo/liquor-licensing to find the memo) there was critical information for our licensee. Of note, you should refer to these sections for complete details on what you are required to do for opening and continued operation:

Section 1. Type of licensees included in the Restaurant Category
Section 2. Type of licensees included in the Bar Category
Section 3. Health and Safety requirements for openings
Section 4. Health and Safety requirements along with the required process for the approval for outside seating. For easy access to this information refer to our memo dated May 27th on this subject. See the link to our website above.

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