This memo is intended to update the Bureau’s guidance memo of May 14th regarding the opening of manufacturers tasting rooms and Class A Lounges for June 12th.

Today, Governor Mills amended her Re-Opening Plan for Maine’s Economy to allow tasting rooms of Maine licensed manufacturers and holders of Class A Lounge licenses in all counties except Androscoggin, Cumberland and York to open for on-premises consumption of food and all types of beverages on June 12th for outside consumption only.

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 licensees. Of note, you should refer to these sections for complete details on what you are required to do for opening and continued operation using outside seating:

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 on May 18th and June 1st – see https://www.maine.gov/decd/checklists/restaurants
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.