



Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association

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Governor Hogan issued a new Order on Thursday, May 27th which allows the opening of outdoor seating at restaurants and bars, subject to certain limits and protocols. Most notably, the summary below and the Governor's Order are subject to local orders that may be issued by local health officers. These will vary by jurisdiction so it essential that you obtain any such order and adhere to it, as well as these requirements. Here is a summary of the Order and a link to it.

- Effective at 5 pm Friday, May 29th, Restaurants and Bars and other similar establishments that sell food or beverages for on-premise consumption may serve food and beverages to customers for consumption in outdoor seating areas. Service in outdoor areas is subject to the following:
 - Restaurant and Bar staff must wear face coverings
 - Patrons may be seated at least six feet away from each other, except for households seated together
 - Groups must be limited to no more than 6, except if they are members of the same household
 - No buffets are allowed; and
 - The restaurant or bar must clean and disinfect each table between each seating in accordance with CDC and MD Dept of Health guidelines, using products that meet EPA guidelines for use against COVID-19.
- Restaurants and Bars may continue to sell food and beverages that can be taken from the premises (i.e. carryout and drive thru)
- Restaurants and Bars may continue to deliver food and beverages to customers off the premises.

This summary is not a substitute for the requirements of the Governor's Order, and if there is any conflict between this summary and the Order, the Order prevails.

Find the Order here: <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Gatherings-7th-AMENDED-5.27.20.pdf>

Additional Resources

- Local orders may be available by visiting the [Maryland County COVID-19 Site Directory](#) provided on the [Maryland Back to Business website](#).
- [Best Practices for Businesses to Open Bars & Restaurants](#) are also provided.
- CDC, Center For Disease Control & Prevention - [Considerations for Bars & Restaurants](#)
- Maryland Department of Health - [Resources for Businesses & Employers](#)