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**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION ADVISORY EXTENDING  
PERIOD RESTRICTING RETAIL LICENSEES TO 25% CAPACITY LIMIT**

On January 7, 2021, Governor Charlie Baker issued an Order extending the time period on the restriction on the number of patrons allowed in retail licensees' premises to 25% capacity limit. This includes licensees that sell alcohol for consumption both on- and off-premises. A summary of the Governor's Order extending this time period can be found [HERE](#).

As the Governor ordered on December 22, 2020, all retail licensees are restricted to a 25% capacity limit. This applies to indoor and outdoor seating separately.

For off-premise licensees, the 25% capacity limit is calculated by the occupancy load as stated on a licensee's certificate of inspection issued under the State Building Code.

For on-premise licensees, the 25% capacity limit is based on a licensee's seating capacity. Questions regarding seating capacity should be directed to your local licensing authority.

Workers/staff are excluded from the occupancy count.

**These limits are now in effect until January 24, 2021, unless further extended by the Governor.**

**Please note this Updated Advisory replaces and supersedes the ABCC's December 24, 2020 Advisory.**

As always, all licensees must ensure that they comply with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that sales of alcoholic beverages take place only as authorized by federal, state, and local law. All questions should be directed to the ABCC Executive Director Ralph Sacramone at [rsacramone@tre.state.ma.us](mailto:rsacramone@tre.state.ma.us) or (617) 727-3040 x 731.

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