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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION ADVISORY
REGARDING THE REOPENING
OF BARS, POURING PERMITS, AND BEER GARDENS

On April 27, 2021, Governor Charlie Baker announced a multi-step plan to roll back certain COVID-19 restrictions as part of reopening Massachusetts. The details of the Governor's plans can be found [HERE](#).

As part of the reopening plan, beginning Monday, May 29, 2021, the following will be allowed:

First, Bars, farmer-series licensees (breweries, wineries, and distilleries) and manufacturers with pouring permits, and beer gardens may resume operations subject to the restaurant rules, which can be found [HERE](#). This includes the following restrictions:

- Seated service only, of parties up to 10 people per table;
- 90-minute service limit per table; and
- No dance floors

Please be aware there will no longer be a requirement that food be served with alcohol at establishments licensed for on-premises consumption.

Second, licensees with private functions may increase their capacity to 200 people for indoor events and 250 people for outdoor events.

Any questions regarding these guidelines should be directed to your local Board of Health.

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 additional questions should be directed to the ABCC Executive Director Ralph Sacramone at rsacramone@tre.state.ma.us or (617) 727-3040 x 731.

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