

TAKE OUT • DINE OUT • HOST AT HOME DURING COVID-19

TIMES HAVE CHANGED... MOST LAWS HAVE NOT!

Happy hours, dining out, and hosting gatherings have all changed because of the pandemic – to keep people safe. Here are a few reminders about Maine state laws that remain in effect. Please respect these laws in order to protect yourself and our community.

TAKE OUT & DRINKS-TO-GO

- It's illegal to consume alcohol in many public places.
- Adults over 21 can transport alcohol in a motor vehicle, but the seal cannot be broken.

DINING OUTSIDE

- Smoking tobacco or marijuana is not permitted in outdoor dining spaces.
- Use of electronic nicotine or vaping devices is not allowed.
- It's illegal to take alcohol outside the allowed areas of the restaurant or bar.

HOSTING A GATHERING

- You cannot allow someone under 21 to consume alcohol in a place under your control, including your home, yard, or vehicle (unless it is at a private home and their parent is present).
- It's illegal to serve alcohol to someone who is visibly intoxicated – even in a private home.
- You could be held liable if someone is hurt or property damage occurs due to serving a guest too much alcohol, even if they don't drive.
- Follow public health guidelines around COVID-19 for size of gatherings, social distancing, etc. This may be much harder if people drink too much.

Servers and sellers of alcohol are required by law to determine whether someone is over 21. Please be prepared to show your I.D. and remove your mask if they ask to confirm your identity.



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