

COVID-19 Guidance - Alcohol Licensees

Guidance for Licensees with Alcohol Privileges

The following guidance is intended to help licensees with liquor privileges understand the temporary allowances available to them until July 31, 2021 or otherwise noted.

Economic Re-opening

Governor Inslee has lifted most COVID-19 business restrictions in place based on health and safety proclamations and/or Emergency Orders.

Effective June 30, 2021, all business sectors returned to usual capacity and operations, with limited exceptions for [large indoor events](#) [↗](#) (any event with more than 10,000 simultaneous participants in an indoor, enclosed space.) Since then, masking and vaccination restrictions have been announced based on the increased transmission of the Delta variant of COVID. Please verify the [statewide](#) and local restrictions in your area.

Reopening Guidance and/or Requirements

- Vaccine verification/negative testing: Recommended but not required for large indoor and outdoor events
- Capacity limitations: No restrictions in restaurants, bars, stores, businesses, theaters etc. (except large indoor events)
- Physical distancing: No requirements
- Facial coverings: Not required for vaccinated individuals, unless required by individual business

*Some exceptions will include schools and childcare centers that will continue to have some facial coverings and physical distancing requirements.

Requirements for places of employment issued by the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries have been updated [here](#).

Allowances for LCB Licensed Businesses

Several LCB-created allowances designed to support licensees temporarily remain in effect. All of the allowances expired on July 31, 2021 unless otherwise specified.

Details about specific allowances and expiration dates can be found via this [table](#) .