

THE PRESENTATION WILL
START MOMENTARILY



PHASE TWO GUIDANCE FOR ABC LICENSEES



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PHASE TWO

LIMITED INDOOR DINING | EFFECTIVE JUNE 22



OVERVIEW



Phase Two allows alcohol establishments to reopen their interior spaces for limited, indoor dining.

Establishments may continue to offer outdoor dining in licensed, new, and expanded outdoor spaces, along with providing alcohol carry-out and delivery to DC residences, including from additional locations.

Some programs require registration in advance. There is no fee to register or participate. Participation is optional.

KEY DETAILS

ELIGIBILITY

- Limited to On-Premises Retailer Licensees (Convention Center food and alcohol retailers, hotels, multipurpose facilities, nightclubs, private clubs, restaurants, and taverns); common carriers; manufacturers with an on-site sales and consumption permit; caterer; and temporary license holders.

SERVICE HOURS

- Indoor and outdoor dining is limited to 8:00 a.m. to midnight, daily.
- Guests are not permitted to remain onsite, including indoors, after midnight.

KEY DETAILS

TOTAL CAPACITY

- Indoor seating is limited to 50 percent of the lowest occupancy load or seating capacity determined by the establishment's Certificate of Occupancy, excluding staff and outdoor seating.
- There is no max percentage for outdoor seating but physical distancing guidelines must be adhered to.

SEATING CAPACITY

- No more than six (6) persons may be seated at a table indoors or outdoors.
- Communal tables may be used if parties are seated at least six (6) feet apart from one another and divisions are clearly marked.

KEY DETAILS

BAR SERVICE

- Guests may be seated at bars not being staffed or utilized by bartenders.
- Establishments with multiple bar areas must designate each bar area as either for staff use for bartending or for patron seating
- Parties seated at bars must be at least six (6) feet apart from one another.
- Standing at bars is prohibited.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Tables must be configured to allow for at least six (6) feet between parties.
- Guests must wait outside to be seated and for carry-out orders, and be at least six (6) feet apart from other parties.
- Guests queuing to order, pick-up, pay, or use the restroom must be at least six (6) feet apart from one another.

KEY DETAILS

FACE MASKS & COVERINGS

- All employees, including kitchen staff, must wear face coverings or masks.
- While not required, guests are strongly recommended to wear face coverings or masks at all times except when eating or drinking.

FOOD & DRINK

- Establishments must offer a food menu containing at least three (3) prepared food items and require the purchase of at least one (1) item per table.
- Salad bars and buffets are permitted as long as pre-portioned servings are prepared and served by staff.
- Establishments may partner with food operators, including food trucks, to meet the prepared food requirement.
- “BYOB” is not permitted.

KEY DETAILS

RESERVATIONS

- ABC licensees must implement a reservation system. Reservations may be done online, by phone or text, or in-person—or a combination.
- Contact information for at least one (1) person per party should be collected.
- Dining records must be saved for at least 30 days.

ORDERING

- All on-premises dining must be seated. Guests may not be served food or beverages for onsite consumption while standing.

KEY DETAILS

LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

- Only background and recorded music, played at a conversational level, is permitted.
- No live music or entertainment, including DJs or trivia, is permitted.
- TVs may be played on outdoor private space and indoors. Same volume guidelines as above apply.
- Activities that require guests to be in close contact are prohibited.

EVENTS

- Individuals or organizations may apply for a waiver to Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) to hold an arts, entertainment, or cultural event.
- The waiver does not apply to ABC licensees at this time.
- <https://hsema.dc.gov/service/dc-homeland-security-emergency-management-agency-waiver-process-exemption-business-closure>

KEY DETAILS

REGISTRATION

- Not required to reopen existing indoor space or for outdoor space included on an establishment's alcohol license, including sidewalk cafes and summer gardens.
- Continues to be required to add new or expand outdoor dining space on public or private space.
 - Public space is subject to DDOT approval. Private space requires written consent from the property owner. Neither requires ABC Board approval.
 - All new/expanded space must be on the ground or street level.
 - Available public space include alleys, sidewalks, “streateries,” plazas, and full travel lanes. Potential private space options include patios, courtyards, and parking lots.
 - New/expanded outdoor seating is not subject to an establishment's existing Settlement Agreement. Establishments can petition the ABC Board to waive specific provisions related to an existing sidewalk cafe/summer garden for up to 180 days.
 - The boundaries of the new/expanded outdoor space must be clearly marked.
 - Space may be used through midnight on October 25, 2020.
 - <https://abra.dc.gov/node/1479681>

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Temporary Permissions



CARRY-OUT AND DELIVERY

Allows select ABC licensees to sell beer, wine, and spirits for carry-out and delivery to DC residences.

ELIGIBILITY

- Limited to On-Premises Retailer Licensees (Convention Center food and alcohol retailers, hotels, multipurpose facilities, nightclubs, private clubs, restaurants, and taverns).

SERVICE HOURS

- 7:00 a.m. to midnight, daily.

CARRY-OUT AND DELIVERY

FOOD AND DRINK

- All alcoholic beverages must be accompanied by at least one (1) prepared food item.
- Eligible alcoholic beverages include beer, wine, and spirits, and pre-mixed cocktails.
- All items must be given in sealed or closed containers.
- Guests should only be provided the alcoholic beverages purchased for carry-out when the full order, including prepared food, is complete to discourage onsite consumption.

DELIVERY RANGE

- Delivery is limited to DC residences only.

CARRY OUT AND DELIVERY

OTHER

- Guests must wait for carry-out orders outside and be at least six (6) feet apart from other parties.
- Delivery persons must verify the age and identity of all purchasers.
- Curbside delivery is permissible.
- Third party vendors may deliver on behalf of an establishment.

REGISTRATION

- Registration with ABRA required.
- <https://abra.dc.gov/node/1468131>

POP-UP REQUIREMENTS

Allows select ABC licensees to sell beer, wine, and spirits for carry-out and delivery to DC residences from a location other than the address included on their alcohol license.

ELIGIBILITY

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SERVICE HOURS

- 7:00 a.m. to midnight, daily.

POP-UP REQUIREMENTS

OTHER

- All previously outlined alcohol carry-out and delivery provisions, including hours, containers, and age verification, apply.

REGISTRATION

- Registration with ABRA required.
- Requires written approval from the property owner of the additional location.
- <https://abra.dc.gov/node/1477341>

REMINDERS & RESOURCES



REMINDERS

- All licensees must continue to abide by all ABC laws and regulations.
- Violations may result in fines and/or license suspension or revocation.
- There have been no changes in enforcement. ABRA continues to respond to community complaints 24/7.
- Ask before you act. Our licensing division is available to answer questions Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 - abc@dc.gov | (202) 442-4423

EXTENSIONS

- Annual license payments
 - Payments due between March 31 – June 30 are now due July 31.
- Alcohol license expirations
 - Licenses set to expire from March 16 – June 30 are now valid until July 31.
- Fines
 - Fines due between March 1 – June 30 are now due by July 31.
- Quarterly Statements (Hotels and Restaurants)
 - Quarter 1 statements due by April 30 are now due on July 31.
 - Quarter 2 statements are still due on July 30.
- More information: <https://abra.dc.gov/page/covid-19>

RESOURCES

ONLINE RESOURCES

- <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo>
- <https://abra.dc.gov/page/covid-19>

SOCIAL CHANNELS

- Updates shared on Twitter (@DCGov_ABRA) and Facebook (facebook.com/ABRADC)

RESOURCES

ABRA STAFF

- While ABRA's physical office is currently closed to the public, staff is teleworking and available to answer questions M-F, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - Licensing related questions | abc@dc.gov or (202) 442-4423
 - ANC or community group concerns | sarah.fashbaugh@dc.gov or (202) 397-3971

QUESTIONS?

