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## CARDING DURING COVID-19

COVID-19 presents unique challenges for ID'g customers. However, you are still legally responsible for preventing sales to minors.



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Alcohol Law Enforcement and Regulatory Agencies are providing guidelines, awareness and recommendations for their officers, licensees and the public in an effort to keep everyone safe in this new and ever-changing alcohol marketplace. The Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery, Office of Education has created the Carding During COVID-19 poster to educate licensed establishments on the unique challenges presented by face coverings.

If your agency has a resource to share please send it to [carrie.christofes@nllea.org](mailto:carrie.christofes@nllea.org)

## Idaho - Business owner pleads guilty to gambling

Police received a tip in August 2016 regarding Bulldog Pipe & Cigar selling liquor while only licensed for the sale of beer and wine, according to court documents. At the time, the business's website reportedly showed a photo of Banducci holding a bottle of Jameson liquor and another showing a bartender holding a bottle of whiskey. Idaho State Police planned an operation in which an undercover detective would be sent to gather information about unlawful liquor sales.

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## The Balance of Public Health and Alcohol Regulation

By Pamela Erickson

As we slog through this pandemic, people are learning how alcohol regulation is rooted in public health and safety. Such things as closing hours, food service, and other measures are designed to prevent intoxication. We have always known that a lot of intoxication can foster violence, but now we are learning how it can promote virus transmission.

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## COVID-19 and Human Trafficking—the Amplified Impact on Vulnerable Populations

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has not only revealed inequities, it has also exacerbated them. Already-vulnerable populations are bearing the brunt of the health impacts of COVID-19 and also experiencing educational and economic consequences. This amplified impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable populations has important implications for

individuals at risk of or exploited in human trafficking.

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## **24Seven Connect Announces the First, Turn-Key Compliance and Shipping Product for Retailers of Alcoholic Beverages and a Name Change**

"Shipping alcohol online is complicated. From state and local laws, to age verification, to tax, there are a lot of moving parts to selling alcohol online, the right way. Many retailers tell me that they simply aren't equipped to manage all of the complexities. That's why we created Boxcheck – to take the hassle out of shipping alcohol online," said Marc Goodfriend, CEO.

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## **651,000 Jobs Supported by U.S. Beer Industry to be Lost Due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

The Beer Institute, the Brewers Association, the National Beer Wholesalers Association and the American Beverage Licensees released a report from a leading economic firm showing more than 651,000 jobs supported by the U.S. beer industry will be lost by the end of the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These **job losses** include more than 3,600 brewing jobs, 1,800 distributing jobs and 400,000 retail-related jobs. The report forecasts the COVID-19 pandemic will result in retail beer sales declining by more than \$22 billion.

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## **Parents and their teenage child are charged for throwing a party for 60 students that forced their Massachusetts high school to switch to remote learning**

Two parents as well as their high school-aged child have been charged with providing alcohol to minors and violating social host laws in Massachusetts after hosting a party with up to 60 other teenagers. Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School had originally intended to operate a hybrid model with some students attending for some of the time before rotating with other groups. However, last week it shelved such plans and decided to go fully towards remote learning when police revealed they had been called to break up the party.

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## **Washington-Restaurant, bar owners ask Inslee to allow alcohol sales after 10 p.m. during pandemic**

"It's a Friday, Saturday night, people aren't going home and going to bed," said Austin. He said he often overhears customers making plans to meet up at someone's home. "Social house gatherings are not socially distant, there's no mandated mask-wearing policies being enforced by someone who is trained and sober like you would be at a bar," explained Austin. "No one is sanitizing the surfaces after every touch."

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## Businesses cited for packed bars, secret drinking room during COVID-19 checks

Bars packed with people standing and drinking alcohol. A secret basement drinking and gambling room underneath a grocery store. Gyms opening months before state regulations allowed.

Those are among the alleged COVID-19-related violations by Long Island businesses that county and state officials said led to court summonses or charges by the State Liquor Authority.

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## Alcohol delivery a boon for some bars, but kind of a bust for most

Early in the coronavirus pandemic, Gov. Mike DeWine allowed bars and restaurants to deliver mixed drinks and beer to help them boost sales at a time when most were closed or severely limited. Before the pandemic, beer could only be delivered along with food.

While delivery provided a needed boost in its first weeks of the new policy, many bar owners say beer and mixed drink delivery turned out to be more of a dud as the pandemic wore on. s

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