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Date: March 17, 2021

To: **All BBHD Licensed Foodservice Establishments**

From: Marco Palmeri, Director of Health

Re: **COVID-19: Compliance with the revised sector rules for reopening in Connecticut**

Attention all owners and operators of foodservice establishments, including indoor and outdoor events at commercial venues and entertainment venues:

Governor Ned Lamont has announced that **Effective Friday March 19, 2021**, the revised sector rules for reopening in Connecticut will begin.

Existing protocols like face coverings, six (6) feet social distancing, cleaning and sanitizing measures are still required and must be implemented.

Please keep in mind that it is the cumulative effects gained by social distancing, handwashing and mask – wearing that will continue to prevent the spread of COVID -19.

Effective March 19, 2021

- Capacity limits increased to 100% subject to six (6) feet social distance requirement.
- Face masks required if staff and customers are not eating or drinking.
- Six (6) feet social distance or a non-porous barrier required between tables, with an 8-person maximum per table capacity.
- Self-service buffets are not allowed.
- Food service required with alcohol service: No standing bar service or congregating at the bar is allowed.
- Bars that only serve beverages must remain closed.
- All restaurants are subject to an 11:00 PM closing time.
- Employees that cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition must provide documentation to their employer and should be assigned to duties that do not require interaction in close contact (within 6 ft) with customers.
- Must continue to follow **CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting guidelines**
- Bar service at private events is subject to six (6) feet social distancing requirement.
- Performers and musical vocalists at restaurants, outdoor and indoor events, and performing arts venues are allowed, subject to the following:
 - 12 ft. spacing or more from the nearest person dining or working (for example, workstations or walking paths used by employees must be included in the 12 ft. distancing).
 - To maximize the protection of their patrons and employees, restaurants are strongly encouraged to require performers to obtain a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) within 72 hours prior to performing.
- **Commercial Venue Events** will be limited to 100 people indoor , 200 people outdoor
- **Performing Arts Venues and Movie Theaters** 50 % capacity limit, with 6 ft. spacing required between parties.

Please confirm receipt of this notice by responding back with the name and address of your business to: NicoletteArrotti@bristolct.

Thank you for your cooperation