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To: All BBHD Licensed Foodservice Establishments

From: Marco Palmeri, Director of Health

Re: COVID-19: Compliance with Executive Orders and Sector Rules

Attention all owners and operators of foodservice establishments with Alcohol Service

The state's COVID-19 sector rules for Restaurants in CT have been revised, effective 12/1/2020. Below is only a summary, please check the DECD often for revisions and updates to the sector rules:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-Business-Recovery/Sector-Rules-and-Certification-for-Reopen>

ALCOHOL SERVICE

Alcoholic beverages may not be served to any patron unless such individual is seated at a table or bar and is presently consuming food prepared on the premises. Alcoholic beverages may be served when such food has been ordered and will be imminently served. Additional drinks may be purchased while the patron is still consuming the food.

“Food,” for purposes of this rule, means food that creates a sit-down dining experience and is similar in quality and substance to a meal. For example:

- Includes sit-down meals that must be eaten from tableware with the use of utensils (e.g. large servings of soup, large salads, or plated entrees);
- Includes food that, while not traditionally eaten with utensils, constitutes a full meal (e.g. pizza, hamburgers, or sandwiches);
- Includes food similar in quality and substance to a meal, such as heavy appetizers (e.g. stuffed pretzels, chicken wings, charcuterie plates, fried calamari, loaded nachos, or flatbreads);
- Includes substantial dessert items (e.g. a full piece of cake, an entire pastry, or a full ice cream sundae);
- Includes items from an on-site food truck or walk-up order window, provided the patron is seated with their food order;
- Includes shareable food items, so long as the food creates a sit-down dining experience for all patrons in the party, and creates the quality and substance of a meal for every patron in the party (e.g. sushi platter for four);
- Does not include side items by themselves (e.g. French fries, bread, small cup of soup, small salad, or small portions of vegetables);
- Does not include snack food, although those items may be served as sides to other substantial foods (e.g. chips, popcorn, pretzels, candy, or nuts); and
- Does not include food brought to the premises by the patron from home or other location, other than on-site food truck.

The Bristol Burlington Health District will continue to conduct spot inspections for compliance purposes. Failure to comply may result in the immediate closure of your operation. In addition, Foodservice Establishments can be fined for violations of the state's COVID-19 sector rules and capacity limits to \$10,000 per violation.

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

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