



7/31/2020 – **New Safe Start Guidelines for Breweries, Effective July 30 – FAQ:** The new restrictions for breweries, wineries, distilleries, and taverns went into effect July 30. You can find the latest requirements, including a new allowance for breweries with certain food service to continue indoor seating (more below), [here](#).

Here's the latest [Safe Start FAQ for Breweries](#). Please note, while this document has been reviewed for accuracy by relevant state agencies, it is subject to change.

**Update to Guidelines Regarding Breweries with Food Service:** Today, the Governor's office announced updates to Safe Start regarding the types of food service that will qualify for a brewery to continue indoor service at 50% capacity and according to all Safe Start guidelines for restaurants. **These guidelines do not apply to outdoor service- there are no food requirements for outdoor service.**

Breweries meeting the following conditions may continue indoor service, without obtaining a beer/wine restaurant license from the WSLCB:

Must provide a reasonable number of menu items, such as sandwiches, salad, soup, pizza, hamburgers, fry orders, or substantial hors d'oeuvres/appetizers

Menu items must be prepared on-site and may not be offered by a contractor

Breweries must obtain any required food service permit/license from their local jurisdiction

Many breweries were already serving food under a local food permit prior to last week's order that breweries cease indoor service. This update will allow breweries to meet the established food service standards for beer/wine restaurant licenses and continue offering indoor service, without needing to apply to the WSLCB for a beer/wine restaurant license.

Your city/county food service permit may or may not allow for the service of the types of foods listed in the above requirements. If you are not sure what types of food your food service permit allows for, contact your local health department to ensure you have the appropriate permit.

We will be working with the Dept. of Health and the WSLCB in the coming days to provide you with more information regarding menu and preparation requirements.

This is a welcome update for many breweries that already serve food and for those that were beginning the process of adding a beer/wine restaurant license and are now no longer required to go through that licensing process. We appreciate the Governor's office and the WSLCB working with us to quickly resolve this issue. We also know that food service is not a viable option for many breweries, and we will continue to work with state leaders on solutions for all breweries.

**Yakima/Benton/Franklin County Update:** A bit of good news out of Yakima, Benton, and Franklin counties this week: Yakima and Benton/Franklin health districts have announced that breweries and wineries may reopen for on-premise outdoor seating, alongside local restaurants. This is effective August 1. The updated Yakima County guidance can be found [here](#). And the updated Benton/Franklin County guidance can be found [here](#).

### **Adding or Changing Outdoor Service Areas**