



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES IN CONJUNCTION WITH FOOD SERVICE DURING COVID-19

BACKGROUND

On May 22, 2020, The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) announced that bars, wineries, distilleries, and breweries that do not have their own kitchens but that partner with meal providers will be able to sell alcoholic beverages to-go, as long as they are in a sealed container and in conjunction with a meal.

[May 22, 2020 ABC Press Release](#)

TEMPORARY RELIEF MEASURES

Can a bar, brewery, winery (with no food service) serve alcohol, to-go or delivery?

Yes, if **ALL** of the following conditions are met:

1. The establishment meets the criteria of businesses allowed to operate in [the current Health Order](#).
2. The establishment qualifies for [temporary relief measures](#) under the current ABC regulations.
3. A [COVID-19 TEMPORARY CATERING AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION](#) has been approved and submitted to ABC.

Do food providers/caterers need to be permitted in order to sell food in conjunction with a bar/brewery/winery?

Yes. Any food facility* that offers or distributes food for consumer consumption needs to have a permit with the local health department, whether there is a fee charged for the food or not.

Can I expand the area where my license permits alcohol consumption?

Yes, however certain restrictions apply. Check with your local Planning Department and refer to the ABC guidelines and FAQs.

Where I can find more information about special COVID-19 relief and allowances for my bar?

[ABC Frequently Asked Questions](#)

*Note: "food facility" means a retail food establishment that prepares, serves, and vends food directly to the consumer. (CRFC 114379.10)