ALCOHOL DELIVERY AND TAKE-OUT FAQ’S DURING COVID-19

WHAT CAN I SELL?

- Restaurants can sell sealed full bottles of beer, wine, and spirits to go.
- Restaurants can sell cocktails to go in sealed containers.
- A cocktail or mixed drink sold in a plastic cup with a plastic lid is ok, as long as there is not a straw in it. The lid should be sealed with tape and if the lid has a hole in it the hole should be covered with tape.
- Growlers and crowlers CANNOT be filled in a restaurant. Growlers and crowlers cannot be used as a “sealed” container (Per Colorado Liquor Enforcement).
- Liquor sold to go in a plastic bag or baggie is NOT allowed.
- All sales of alcohol to go must be accompanied by the sale of food (but something as small as a bag of potato chips or nuts will suffice.)

***UPDATE 7/14/2020 Now that SB 213 is law, there is no longer a food sales requirement for alcohol takeout and delivery orders.***

WARNING LABEL OR NOTE:

- If you are selling alcohol to go, in a plastic cup with a lid, it must be accompanied with a warning statement with a minimum fourteen (14) font size, stating as follows: “WARNING: DO NOT OPEN OR REMOVE SEAL WHILE IN TRANSIT. Purchasers are subject to state and local laws prohibiting drinking or possessing open containers of alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles, including section 42-4-1305, C.R.S.”
- Out of an abundance of caution, the CRA is recommending that you include the warning statement with ALL sales of alcohol to go.
- Find labels for printing here.

LIMITS ON QUANTITY OF ALCOHOL FOR SALE:

- There is no limit as to the amount of alcohol a restaurant can sell to one individual.

ALCOHOL FOR PICK-UP:

Guests may come to the restaurant and order alcohol for takeout.

- Customer IDs must be authorized as usual.
- You may not sell to someone who is visibly intoxicated.
- All alcohol takeout orders must be processed on the same transaction as a food order, but there are not specific requirements for what that food should be (i.e. it can be something as small as a bag of chips).

ALCOHOL FOR DELIVERY:

If a bar wants to deliver alcohol and mixed drinks, they are allowed to do so.
• For delivery orders, individuals placing the order must be 21 years of age or over, and must provide their name, date of birth, and delivery address. This information must be verified upon delivery.
• Deliveries may only be made to the address provided at the time of the order.
• Alcohol must be in a sealed container, and all alcohol sales must be processed on the same transaction as food sales (even something as minor as a bag of chips or a side of fries).
• Persons making the delivery must be 21 years old or older and an employee of the licensee. (We are working with LED and the Governor’s office to allow third parties to deliver as most restaurants aren’t set up for delivery.)
• Licensee must retain all records regarding the delivery of alcohol beverages.

THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY:
Does the delivery for alcohol include food delivery services such as ChowNow, GrubHub, DoorDash, Postmates, and UberEats? Will we need to work directly with them to get this added to our online menus?
• No. Alcohol delivery must be done by an employee of the business only, and that employee must be over the age of 21. Third-party delivery companies are not permitted to deliver alcohol.

CHECKING ID’S FOR DELIVERY:
If guests are ordering online or over the phone for a delivery, they must provide the name, address, and date of birth on their license. The employee conducting the delivery must then verify that information before processing the transaction.

IN ADDITION TO THESE NEW REQUIREMENTS, ALL OF THE PREVIOUS GUIDANCE REMAINS:

All other laws and rules around selling alcohol still apply. No sales to someone under 21 years of age. No sales to someone showing signs of visible intoxication.

See the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division Notice Guidance Regarding LED Response to COVID-19 here.