



# Hospitality Headlines

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## **Update on NYS Pool Guidelines**

Based on direct conversations with Empire State Development (ESD), we've been advised that **pools can be open to the public** as long as there are no gatherings of more than 10 people, and the groups are able to **maintain social distancing** (*some Control Rooms have already allowed pool openings others have not*). We expect further guidance from ESD in the coming weeks and will keep you updated. However, in the meantime, if your local Department of Health (DOH) gives you pushback, ESD has directed us to tell our members to have DOH reach out to the Governor's office directly. If you have any further issues, you can contact NYSH&TA President, Mark Dorr, at [mark@nyshta.org](mailto:mark@nyshta.org).

## **Official Phase 3 Guidelines for Restaurants**

Gov. Andrew Cuomo **unveiled plans** for a return to dining-in (includes hotel restaurants) after the industry continually pressed for guidance.

- Restaurants can reopen with half capacity indoors and **this does not include the number of tables set up outdoors**. The occupancy limit excludes employees.
- Tables must be placed at least six feet apart from each other. For tables that can't be placed six feet apart, the guidelines call for restaurants to install barriers that are at least five-feet tall.

## **'Capital Region Hotel Readiness Panel Discussion: A Return to Business'**

Register today for the 'Capital Region Hotel Readiness Panel Discussion: A Return to Business' taking place on Monday, June 15th at 11:00AM. The moderator of the panel will be NYSH&TA President, Mark Dorr. The panel is being hosted by the tourism offices of Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, & Washington counties. [Click here](#) to register and find more information.

## **NYSH&TA Information – Moving to Member Portal**

NYSH&TA will be moving some of the resources that you receive as a member benefit behind the member portal on our website – including [COVID information](#), webinars you may have missed, and more. This means that to access this information, you will need to [sign in](#) with your username and password given to you by NYSH&TA. The default username is your Member ID, and the default

password is the last four digits of your main phone number. Going forward, NYSH&TA will include your Member ID on all invoices you receive, as we realize this can cause confusion.

If you need assistance with logging in or need your Member ID/username, call NYSH&TA Member Services Manager, Ryan Burke at (518) 312-3812. Once you're logged in, you can view the resources NYSH&TA has posted in that location. For example, click 'Coronavirus Resources' (third column/all the way to the left), and a PDF will open that includes all information that has been sent to our 1,000 members via e-newsletter regarding COVID-19 since February.

*As we track NYSH&TA's email and data distribution, it has come to our attention that our e-newsletters are being received by non-member organizations/hotels and then the information is being forwarded to other non-members who are opening the email at an alarmingly high rate. This is not fair to dues-paying members. We can track this with our email platform, which we will continue to closely monitor. NYSH&TA works diligently with its legislative and legal counsel to bring our dues-paying members exclusive, relevant information to help operate their businesses more efficiently and stay informed with the latest legislative and regulatory guidelines (especially during the COVID19 pandemic). In the coming weeks and months, we will monitor this issue closely. If we see a trend, NYSH&TA President, Mark Dorr, will reach out to discuss membership with the non-member organizations. Though we encourage our members to disseminate our information, we respectfully ask that the proper attribution is given to NYSH&TA. To those dues-paying members who use our information properly, and with attribution, we thank you for your support.*

### **Trusted Source for Your PPE Needs**

NYSH&TA Preferred Partner, Regional Distributors, is a trusted source recommended by the Association, as they have recently acquired a large inventory of protective masks to suit your needs. Contact Amanda Kelley at [akelley@regdist.com](mailto:akelley@regdist.com) or call (585) 647-5434.

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