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**THE LICENSING BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON'S ADVISORY
REGARDING UPDATED COVID-19 OPERATIONAL PROTOCOLS**

Issued: August 23, 2021

On Friday, August 20, 2021, based on incoming public health metrics Mayor Kim Janey announced updated COVID-19 operational protocols including, but not limited to, an indoor mask mandate for businesses open to the public in the City of Boston effective at 8:00a.m., Friday, August 27, 2021. The Licensing Board for the City of Boston (the "Board") issues this advisory (the "Advisory") to assist our Licensees in complying with the updated operational protocols. The Advisory is not exhaustive and all Licensees must review the updated operational protocols.

1. Effective 8am on Friday, August 27, 2021 all employees of any business open to the public must wear masks at all times **indoors** regardless of vaccination status. This includes all Licensees issued a license by the Board including restaurants, bars, hotels, event spaces, and cannabis establishments. This requirement applies to private, invite-only events such as weddings at a licensed premise.
2. Effective Friday, August 27, 2021 all patrons of any business open to the public must wear masks while **indoors** unless actively eating or drinking regardless of vaccination status. This includes all Licensees issued a license by the Board including restaurants, bars, hotels, event spaces, and cannabis establishments.
3. Performers do not have to wear masks indoors if they are distanced from patrons by a minimum of six (6) feet.
4. This mask requirement does not apply to outdoor spaces including tented areas.
5. Any tent with more than three (3) sides erected shall be considered indoor space and must adhere to the requirements detailed in this Advisory.
6. Licensees may continue to operate with their approved capacity and there are no additional restrictions at this time including, but not limited to, capacity, use of the bar area, patrons standing, or social distancing.

The Advisory is issued in response to the ongoing public health crisis related to the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Please refer to boston.gov/coronavirus for more information on COVID-19. Any questions should be directed to the Board's Executive Secretary, Lesley Delaney Hawkins, Esq., who can be reached at (617) 635-4170 or licensingboard@boston.gov.

For the Board,

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