



# TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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Dear Business Owner:

I hope this finds you well, and that you are successfully conducting your business under the COVID-19 related state regulations and safety guidelines.

As those guidelines are being regularly revised according to the changing situation and evolving public health needs, I wanted to make sure you are aware of the recent modification of the restrictions on serving alcohol.

On Friday, July 17th, Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order regarding the mandate that alcoholic beverages may only be served in conjunction with a food order, and the State Liquor Authority has issued updated guidance applicable to licensed, on-premise establishments.

The guidance, which can be found in the link below, states that “the purpose of the requirement that food be sold with alcohol is to permit outside and limited indoor dining (outside of New York City), with alcoholic beverages, while restricting the congregating and mingling that arise in a bar service/ drinking only environment.”

The guidance also includes a list of the types of “substantial” foods that should be offered; merely offering snacks like chips does not allow for alcoholic drinks to be served.

<https://sla.ny.gov/guidance-requirement-licensees-premises-service-privileges-serve-food-alcoholic-beverages>

I hope this is helpful to you in keeping your business operating in a safe and lawful manner. As you may be aware, there is increased scrutiny this summer of East Hampton restaurants and bars by the State Liquor Authority.

Town enforcement officers will remain available to provide assistance and guidance to help our town businesses, and to identify those businesses that are operating outside of the guidelines.

By working together within the safety parameters, we can help avoid additional spread of COVID-19 and insure that the state allows businesses in our area to remain open, to the benefit of everyone's economic well being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Van Scoyoc". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and last name "Scoyoc" being the most prominent parts.

Peter Van Scoyoc  
Supervisor, East Hampton Town