



## Updates / Guidance Information

The CDC and New York State have issued quite a few new guidances releases on several areas that will be implemented this month. Below is information direct from NYS on how to proceed in this ever changing (but good change) landscape.

### Mask Mandates

With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance that fully vaccinated individuals do not need to wear masks in most settings, New York agreed Monday, May 17th to follow suit.

The lifting of the mask mandate takes effect Wednesday, May 19, 2021; in New York. The state, however, will still allow businesses to choose whether to continue to require masks, which is consistent with the federal guidance.

Unvaccinated individuals must still wear masks in most public settings.

The state's rules cut across all sectors, including retail, food services, offices, gyms and fitness centers, amusement and family entertainment, hair salons, barber shops and other personal care services.

The state Department of Health said it still recommends masks be worn in indoor settings where the vaccination status of individuals is unknown. Masks will also be required on public transit, in health care settings and in schools, even if vaccinated. **COMPLETE READ**

### New York Suspends COVID Restaurant Regs

State lawmakers on Wednesday, April 28 voted to rescind Gov. Andrew Cuomo's order requiring the purchase of food at a bar or restaurant before a patron can be served an alcoholic beverage, a rule put into place in July 2020 in an effort to cut down on mingling during the coronavirus pandemic.

### Business Capacity Restrictions Removed

On Wednesday, May 19, most business capacity restrictions — which had been based on a percentage of maximum occupancy — were removed. That means

businesses will only be limited by their ability to keep patrons at the social distance of 6 feet. [COMPLETE READ](#)

## Advisory for County Fairs and Local Festivals

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced additional guidance for county fairs and local festivals throughout New York. Local governments must permit county fairs and local festivals and consider COVID-19 health guidelines this year. State Department of Health approval will be required for events with over 5,000 expected attendees, consistent with existing review process.

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## STATEMENT that GOACC Member Uses

In light of today's recent change to the Covid-19 protocols, Union Whisk(e)y's legal team advises they post the following: "Union Whiskey will never ask you to prove your vaccine status. If you patronize their establishment without a mask they will assume you are vaccinated. In addition your entry onto their premises is an express assumption of any risk associated with Covid-19 and you waive any claim for injury as a result therefrom."

**Let's continue to be smart and responsible as we begin our return to normal.**



### GOACC IS HERE FOR YOU!

Please note that if you have additional questions on items above, please connect with the Chamber office. We will help you find answers to any questions you may give us or at least direct to you the person in the know :)

[Email GOACC](#)

### FREE PROMOTIONAL OPP:

GOACC will be creating Welcome Packets for the following groups:

**June 11-13:** 10U/12U Softball

**June 18-20:** 16U Softball

**July 9-11:** 8u-15u Baseball

**July 16-18:** Softball

**August 6-8:** 15U Baseball

Softball is Olean Girls Softball Assoc.

Baseball is Twin Tiers Academy

Please send in your special offer, discount coupon, restaurant menus or



other free promotional items to the teams that will be staying in our area during these tournaments.

Coupon copy or special offer can be emailed to the Chamber. If supplying menus or other items to be included in bags, please send 250 items.

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