

Town Policy Considerations Regarding Substances During COVID-19 and Beyond (Resource 2 of 3)

CONSIDERATIONS FOR TOWNS REGARDING POLICY CHANGES TO CURBSIDE PICK-UP AND DELIVERY OF ALCOHOL



- Consider limiting the delivery parameters of retailers and restaurants who offer curbside pick-up or delivery of alcohol (where they can deliver to and/or where they can deliver from).
- Consider limiting the number of servings that can be packaged in a single to go container i.e. 1 vs. 4.
- Think about if there are public spaces, parks, farmers markets or other areas nearby where people might wander to consume their drinks after purchase. What might your town do to address this?
 - What is your open container policy in public spaces? Is there a ban?
 - Do you have substance-free parks and public spaces? Why or why not?
 - Do you have or want signage that reflects your policy?
 - What are your enforcement strategies, including community empowerment?

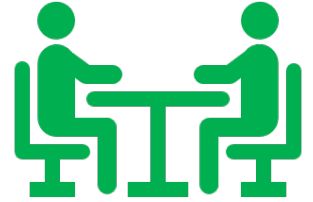
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS TO HELP THINK ABOUT PERMITS FOR OUTSIDE SPACES

- Consider how to deal with an increase of requests for outside consumption permits in your town, requests for flexibility for seating, etc. There are currently two options: one is related to the Executive Order and is temporary, the other is the standard permit.
- What is the location and what might it impact, especially around the impact related to potential alcohol and tobacco use? and the access, availability and norming for youth?
- Is it a smoke, tobacco and vape-free space? Is there signage?
- How many outside tables are they planning for?
- How is the space staffed and supervised? Is there staffing that is specific to that area?
- Is the area clearly defined and roped off from other outside areas?
- Is there clear access? Can people exit from the outside space? Is it monitored?
- Is there lighting after dark?
- Do you want to restrict the hours?



GENERAL STRATEGIES YOUR TOWN MIGHT CONSIDER

- A process for assessing what your town wants in terms of potential marijuana commercialization and how to bring in new potential changes thoughtfully.
- Restrictions for alcohol, tobacco, and vape use at public events and in public places.
- Substance-free municipal parks.
- Restrictions on the number and placement of substance outlets within the community.
- Revised zoning bylaws to require distance between substance outlets or establishments and community facilities such as schools, day cares, public buildings, and parks.
- Revised zoning bylaws and retailer collaboration to decrease substance promotions, such as outdoor alcohol and tobacco signage.
- Create incentives for substance-free, family friendly community events.
- Develop policies for youth sporting events and clearly share them i.e. parents and spectators may not have alcohol, marijuana, or tobacco products at the recreational facility.



WHY SUBSTANCE USE POLICY MAKES SENSE



Individual health impact

Environmental impact

Public health impact

Education issue

Healthy Lamoille Valley, working with the Vermont Department of Health, is a resource for you when you are considering actions and recommendations that will make our communities healthier.

We help towns create changes to policies and systems that encourage healthy behavior. It may involve municipal planning, regulatory activities (ordinance, rule, zoning or policy), or non-regulatory activity (community garden, farmers market, bike path, festival).

More at www.healthylamoillevalley.org/community or contact Policy and Community Outreach Coordinator, Alison Link, 917-626-0344, alison@healthylamoillevalley.org.

For more specific Covid-19 related information from the Vermont Department of Liquor Control please visit: <https://liquorcontrol.vermont.gov/post-type/covid-19>. Complete DLC information can be found at: <https://liquorcontrol.vermont.gov/>. Compliance check information can be found at: <https://liquorcontrol.vermont.gov/enforcement>.