

IDAHO WINE COMMISSION

Dear Wineries,

We are unfortunately receiving conflicting information as to when wineries can reopen. We were told at the end of April wineries could reopen during Stage 2, if they serve food by the Governor's office.

"Wineries that serve food will be allowed to open with other dine in restaurants in Stage 2, provided they follow those important health protocols." Louis Hougaard, Governor's office, April 30, 2020

We received communication yesterday May 19, 2020 from the Governor's office stating differently.

As representatives for Breweries and Wineries, please see the attached updated guidance.

Is my Brewery, Winery, or Sports Bar eligible to open in stage 2?

A food establishment licensed by a public health district is eligible to open in stage 2 for dine-in. That establishment may only operate as dine-in while food service is available. Establishments that only offer concessions such as popcorn, nuts, or pretzels are not eligible under the current guidelines. For further clarification on any of these conditions, please contact your local public health district.

This guidance can be publicly found at:

[Idaho Rebounds - Stage 3 Protocols](#) | [Official Resources for COVID-19](#)

We understand this is confusing and frustrating. We highly recommend you reach out to your health district if you haven't received your approved plan. If all goes according to plan, Stage 3 is scheduled to start May 30.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or you can reach out to Louis Hougaard directly at Louis.Hougaard@gov.idaho.gov or his office at 208-854-3023.

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