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**OH&LA Hotel Industry Recovery: July 6, 2020**

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**COVID-19 Membership Update: July 6**

## PPP Loan Data Now Available

The SBA and U.S. Treasury Departments released the latest PPP loan data today. You can find that information [here](#). The National Restaurant Association released this statement today about the need for Congress and the policy makers to use the data to craft additional help:

"Today's release of Paycheck Protection Program loan data provides important insight into the program's success. **We urge federal policymakers to dive into it to determine how best to devise support for small businesses like restaurants that are clearly on the ropes.** Countless hotels and restaurants across the country used a PPP loan to keep their employees on the payroll, but they are emerging from the program with challenges that have only grown in scope. For many, this uncertainty will linger until a vaccine is available. The PPP has been a bridge for many during the shutdown, but the restaurant industry is still looking at months of starts and stops to find a new normal in business operations. We encourage Congress and the Administration to consider bipartisan options to support the industry's recovery."

## Meet Our New OH&LA Secretary: David Davis

David Davis, who is the Vice President of Operations for New Century Hotels has long been an advocate for the lodging industry. Currently, he has earned his PhD and certifications including CHA, CHE and CHIA. For many years, David has advanced hospitality education as an Interim Director, and most recently as an Adjunct Professor at the OSU School of Hospitality & Tourism Management program in Stillwater. He also regularly volunteers his time as an industry evaluator for OH&LA's HospitAbilities program. Prior to joining higher education, David spent nine years as a general manager with John Q. Hammons Hotels.

## New City Emergency Proclamations: COVID-19 Guidance

Multiple cities have released updated Emergency Proclamations. The ORA has continued to remain instrumental in providing input to state officials in order to help keep our businesses open and safe. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Below are several emergency proclamations and executive orders based on city health departments and city mayors. We will include more as they are released:

- Bethany
  - [Emergency Declaration](#)
- OKC
  - [Emergency Order](#)
- Tulsa
  - [Emergency Order](#)
- Yukon
  - [Emergency Proclamation](#)

*\*Note: This is the most up-to-date information available at the time this email was sent. Some information may have changed since then, so we encourage you to check other sources as well.*

## **4-Step Plan For Bringing Your Hospitality Workforce Back To Work**

As hotels, resorts, casinos and restaurants reopen, there are challenges around every corner. Every location must reimagine processes and develop new protocols, procedures and policies. Courtesy of our partner Fisher Philips, here's a [four-step process](#) for safely bringing your employees back to work and enacting protocols that fit your hotel's routine.

## **Tulsa & OKC Mayors Announce Restrictions**

Last week Tulsa Mayor GT Bynum held a COVID-19 briefing where he mandated masks for all restaurant and bar employees. So far, he did not put capacity restrictions on bars in Tulsa. He also announced a safety certification program effective July 16, for events of more than 500 people including hotel meeting and banquet events. The safety certification program will have to be approved by the Tulsa City County Health Department. Use [this link](#) to learn more details of the Mayor's announcement.

Mayor David Holt released new mandates for restaurants, bars and theatre-style venues in an attempt to limit people's exposure to COVID-19. Until July 17th, all employees of restaurants and bars must wear masks. The capacity at bars will be lowered to 50% to prevent further spread. Mayor Holt also stated that all venues with theater-style seating, such as weddings, funerals and churches must have staggered seating with two seats in between parties. Find out more about the mandates [here](#).

## **Oklahoma COVID-19 Testing Sites**

Several of our members have requested a list of COVID-19 testing sites available in the state. We put together a list of both rapid testing sites which only take 15 minutes to receive results, as well as free testing sites that typically take around 48-72 hours to learn your results. They are listed below:

- [Rapid Results Testing Sites](#)
- [Free Testing Sites](#)

## **Save the Date for the ORA Expo: December 2-3, 2020**

The new date of the Expo is Wednesday and Thursday December 2-3, 2020. For the health and safety of attendees and exhibitors, the [ORA Expo Promise](#) will be implemented, which will provide numerous health and safety measures. Please make plans to join us for all of the excitement at the ORA Expo in December.

The ORA Expo, held at the OK State Fair Park's Bennett Event Center, is Oklahoma's largest industry trade show and the most important of the year for foodservice and hospitality industry professionals, as it will also offer

exciting educational sessions, demonstrations, and networking! Easy access, convenient parking, and tons of ORA hospitality make this an event you don't want to miss! Registration is currently open at [oraexpo.com](http://oraexpo.com).

