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Delta variant concerns impact consumer spending in key verticals

In the states hardest hit by the COVID Delta variant, restaurant spending is down, and Open Table has tracked a decline in restaurant reservations.

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Restaurant industry fearful of returning to strict COVID-19 restrictions

"Everyone seems to agree that we need to avoid reverting to harsher restrictions like we had throughout most of the pandemic," said Andrew Rigie, executive director of the New York City Hospitality Alliance. "We know we can't go back to reduced occupancy and shut down orders."

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Tech roundup: Grubhub is changing its controversial phone call system

The third-party delivery app Grubhub will use a call center staffed by some of its own employees to field calls made to the restaurants. The move is apparently in response to the enormous blowback the company has received over the controversial way it charges restaurants for phone calls made through Grubhub, even if those phone calls never lead to a meal order.

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California judge rules gig worker initiative utilized by Uber and Lyft is unconstitutional

A superior court judge has ruled that Proposition 22, which was passed by California voters in November 2020, is unconstitutional. The ballot initiative was funded by rideshare and delivery apps and allowed the companies to classify their drivers as independent contractors rather than employees. The decision is expected to be appealed.

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California's housing shortage and affordability crisis was already acute, but the COVID pandemic has made it even worse. State lawmakers have two potential remedies to consider as their session winds down for the year.

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California restaurants may get yearlong extension for serving streetside drinks

A CRA-sponsored bill aims to extend regulatory relief that was put in place earlier this year by Gov. Gavin Newsom. It would allow restaurants to more easily serve alcoholic drinks in their expanded outdoor spaces.

"It's timely. We could be going outside again this winter," said the bill's author, Assemblyman Jesse Gabriel, D-Woodland Hills. "It's really sad. A lot of (the restaurants) are hanging on by a thread."

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Winners of the Culinary + Cocktail Clash

The California Restaurant Foundation paired restaurant brands with student sous chefs to create the ultimate sandwich. Winners were announced at the outdoor Cocktail Clash reception on Monday. The event

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