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Los Angeles hopes new mask mandate will reverse virus spike

Just one month after the state announced that fully-vaccinated Californians could go without masks, Los Angeles County has returned to a mask mandate in indoor settings. In the Bay Area, local officials are strongly recommending, rather than mandating, people wear masks in indoor, public settings.



Bay Area reopens: Food halls catch on with diners, restaurant owners

In the Bay Area, food halls are popular with both diners and food service operators alike. It can be less expensive to operate in a food hall than in a stand-alone restaurant, and the variety of available cuisines attract customers.

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Legislation to expand outdoor dining statewide passes key Senate committee, gains waiver for immediate implementation

AB 61, sponsored by the CRA and authored by Assembly member Jesse Gabriel, D-Woodland Hills, eases the regulatory path to being able to serve alcohol in your expanded outdoor spaces. Earlier this year, Gov. Newsom signed an executive order that does the same, but is only in effect through the end of this year. AB 61 extends this relief beyond that date.

RELATED: [Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, is working with the CRA to allow restaurants to continue serving cocktails to-go, which is helping restaurants get back on their feet and bring back their workers.](#)

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Mindful Minute by UnitedHealth Group + Restaurants Care

Gratitude can be very powerful! Dr. Kate Burke, from PatientsLikeMe, talks about practicing gratitude in the morning to set your day up for success.

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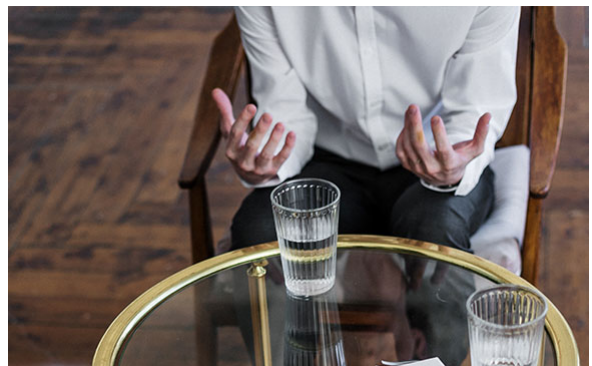
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Why your favorite restaurant is closing early and charging more this summer

Labor and food costs have both gone up dramatically. The impact of that doesn't stop at menu prices: it can also affect a restaurant's ability to recover from the pandemic.

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'When we lose this, we're done,': Federal restaurant relief helps some, but not all weather COVID aftermath

More than 100,000 restaurants nationwide received grants from the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, but more than twice that number did not. Their applications are still with the SBA, which says some can still be funded if Congress replenishes the fund. To add your voice to our efforts, **[click here](#)**.

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New research from WSU shows many leaving the hospitality industry

A professor at Washington State University says hospitality workers were stressed after being furloughed or laid off during the pandemic and began looking for work outside the industry.

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In case you missed it. Ask CRA: 5 hot topics with the CRA legal partners

You asked. We answered! Instead of the usual monthly webinar, this July we've compiled several 'Ask CRA' questions in one, handy place. We also included important resources with each topic.

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News You Need to Know: Learn about the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC)

The Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) is an important and much-needed recovery tool for many restaurants who are struggling to get back on their feet following the impacts of COVID-19. If you're eligible, you can access significant tax credits meant to help businesses stay afloat.

In this week's News You Need to Know, Sabrina tells us more about the program, and more about a webinar coming up this week all about the ERTC. You can [register here](#) and you can [learn much more detail about the ERTC here](#).

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Legal Partner Content: California employers must pay meal and rest break premiums at the "regular rate of pay" rather than the base hourly rate

CRA legal partner Berliner Cohen reviews the regular rate of pay and compliant meal, rest, and recovery breaks and the importance of understanding what the "regular rate of pay" is.

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CRA Action Center: Help replenish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund

The Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) has run out of dollars while hundreds of thousands of restaurants nationwide still need help. Please join us in urging Congress to replenish the RRF so that all restaurants who need help can receive a grant.

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Legal Partner Content: Hiring minors in California

With the shortage of candidates available for hire, especially in the hospitality industry, many employers are having to expand their pool of qualified candidates to include minors. There are, however, special rules and regulations that employers must follow if planning to hire minors. CRA legal partner Zaller Law Group reviews what employers need to know when hiring minors in California.

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