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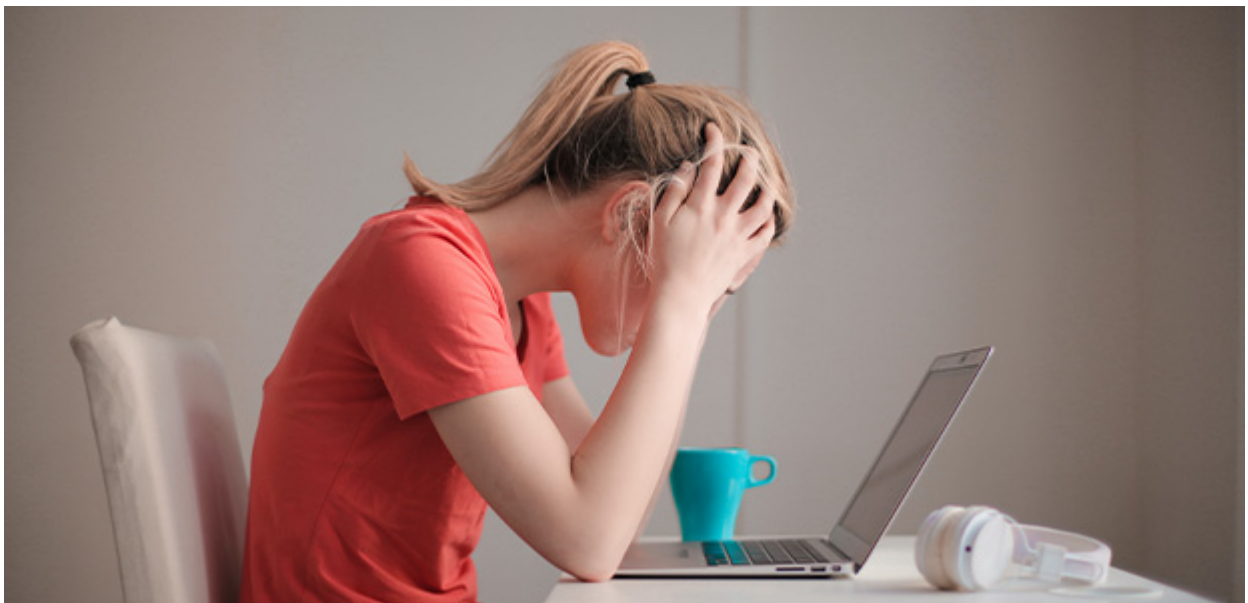
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Sacramento restaurant owner frustrated as federal business aid halted by lawsuit

A legal dispute challenging the federal government's decision to prioritize certain groups of applicants for Restaurant Revitalization Fund grants has led to confusion and frustration: nearly 3,000 applicants who were awarded the funds have had their grants rescinded.

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Pasadena's minimum wage to increase Thursday

The minimum wage in Pasadena is rising to \$15 per hour for businesses of all sizes. Like many other cities in the state, Pasadena's minimum wage is rising faster than the state minimum wage.

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'Lawsuit factory': After tax fraud indictment, serial ADA filer turns focus from Valley to Bay Area

"In this suit, he said that he visited Amy's Salon on the first floor in November," Hughes said. "Now, Amy's Salon, there was no one there in November because they were closed because of COVID."

"Number two, you may not visit Amy's Salon, especially if you are male, because you have to be interviewed and vetted because she works there alone. And number three, you may not open Amy's door — even if it's a knob or a lever — because it's locked, and you must press a button for her to open the door and let you in."

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Restaurants feeling the impact of the rising costs of food

Two thirds of restaurant operators said their food costs are higher than they were before the pandemic. In some cases, the cost increases are sharp and are translating to higher menu prices.

“Menu prices are up almost four percent compared to the prior period in 2020. That is the largest increase since essentially the 2009 timeframe,” said Hudson Riehle of the National Restaurant Association.

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Covid and Brexit: Hospitality industry ‘desperately’ short-staffed

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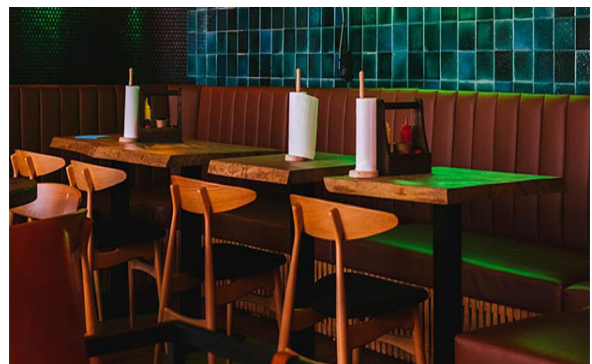
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News You Need to Know: REMINDER: State requires compliance with CalSavers

CalSavers is a state program for private



Updated Industry Insight: What California restaurants need to know about Cal/OSHA's revised Emergency COVID-19 Standard

sector workers whose employers don't offer a retirement program – and there is a compliance deadline coming up on July 1st. We've told you about it a couple of times before, but this information is worth reviewing, especially since the realities of the pandemic consumed your attention over the last year. While you are not required to provide a retirement program, you are required to register with the state and help facilitate payroll deductions for employees who choose to use the CalSavers program. Click on the video to hear Sabrina go over the details.

CRA members, need assistance making a retirement plan decision? **Contact us today** to learn more about the differences between the CRA retirement program and the CalSavers program.

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Legal Partner Content: New Santa Clara County Public Health Order phases out May 18, 2021, Vaccination-Tracking Order

On June 21, the Santa Clara County Director of Public Health issued a new Order phasing out the last local Health Order. With new Cal/OSHA regulations that went in place on June 18, the county believes their last Health Order issued on May 18 does not need to be in place, except in limited situations. CRA legal partner Berliner Cohen reviews what this means for Santa Clara County businesses.

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Restaurants have been asked to quickly understand the constantly changing rules, regulations, shutdown orders and other policy mandates imposed at the federal, state and local levels. Adding to that complexity has been ever-shifting regulation by Cal/OSHA. The emergency temporary standard was amended by Cal/OSHA effective June 17, 2021, to better align with recent developments (including widespread vaccination of many employees), but the regulation still imposes significant burdens on California employers. CRA legal partner Fisher Phillips reviews the top takeaways for California restaurants.

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Legal Partner Content: Five issues to review with July 1, 2021 increase in local minimum wages throughout California

California employers need to review their practices and policies to ensure compliance with the various local minimum wage increases taking effect across California on July 1, 2021. CRA legal partner Zaller Law Group reviews five items employers should consider prior to the July 1 deadline.

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