Santa Barbara restaurants resume indoor dining

After many months of operating outside, restaurants throughout State Street have finally opened their doors for indoor dining.

Today, there was both good and bad news. Several counties were allowed to reopen further, allowing them to move to indoor restaurant operations at 25% capacity and 50% capacity while other counties moved back into more restrictive tiers due to an increase in COVID cases. Click here to see if your county is on the list.
194 restaurants, vineyards, and businesses destroyed by fast-moving wine country fire

The Glass Incident Fire has been burning for less than a week, but it's already wrought a remarkable amount of destruction.

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Some of the Bay Area's most anticipated restaurants for 2020 are in COVID-19 limbo

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With dining-room seating caps still in place within most jurisdictions, operators are showing ingenuity in how they can serve more people and not run afoul of the rules.

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Delivery, curbside pickup, and other off-premises service methods were already becoming popular drive-thru alternatives. COVID-19 has launched their momentum into the stratosphere.

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The final jobs report before Election Day a month from now showed hiring slowed in September even as the U.S. unemployment rate fell to 7.9% — a mixed result for President Donald Trump, who has staked his reelection in part on the economy.

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delivery apps face lawmaker scrutiny
Even before the COVID-19 public health crisis, third party delivery apps in California had been facing greater attention from local government representatives, local public health officials, and state lawmakers. This year, two CRA supported pieces of state legislation were signed into law requiring two things from these restaurant delivery apps—consent from the restaurant and a clean interior vehicle. The Governor's recent approval of these two laws is good for restaurants and good for the consuming public. Sabrina tells us a little more about both efforts.

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Legal partner content: Five new laws with the most impact on California employers
Governor Newsom had a September 30, 2020 deadline to approve or veto any new laws for 2021. Today, our team from Zaller Law hosted a webinar covering the major employment laws approved by the Governor and what these new laws mean for employers.

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Legal partner content: Dangers of poorly defined vacation (PTO) and application of California law to non-residents addressed by appellate court
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