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OPEN TEXAS STRIKE FORCE

Allows Texas Winery Tasting Room to Re-Open October 14, 2020

Dear TWGGA Members

TWGGA is pleased to share the following updated information from the OPEN TEXAS STRIKE FORCE.

Winery Tasting rooms may re-open effective October 14th with some provisions that include approval from your county judge and 50% capacity restriction on indoor areas. No restriction on outdoor areas. A list of county judges can be found [here](#).

Your TWGGA team including the executive committee, the legislative committee, lobbyist Kyle Frazier and General Counsel Kimberly Frost spent a great deal of effort making sure that several key areas of concern were addressed including the ability for tasting room counters to again be used for offering tastings and also allowing wineries with ample outdoor space to have occupancy restrictions lifted.

You are strongly encouraged to follow the [Revised Minimum Standard Health Protocols](#). We certainly hope that these new protocols and standards will open the door for our Texas winery tasting rooms that have not been able to re-open previously via the restaurant re-classification.

Cheers!

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