

CBP seized nearly 20K fake IDs in the first six months of 2020 – and that's just Chicago alone

During the first six months of 2020, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers reportedly seized nearly **20,000 counterfeit U.S. driver's licenses** while working at Chicago's O'Hare airport alone. Most of the fake IDs were produced to represent someone as being in their 20's, which could also potentially point toward utilizing these counterfeits to obtain age-restricted goods like alcohol or tobacco products.

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Foodservice Training Portal provides online COVID-19 and mask de-escalation training to Utah ABC stores statewide

Smart Tactics eStart™ provides de-escalation strategies for retail and foodservice employees to use when dealing with and adhering to mask protocols. This training, built using recommendations and de-escalation protocols from leading crisis management organizations and law enforcement, provides employees with immediately actionable tools to mitigate conflict, de-escalate confrontations and create positive situations out of possible skirmishes.

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Georgia - 3 Savannah businesses fail ABC compliance checks, 14 pass

The Savannah Police Department's ABC Unit says an increasing number of local businesses are complying with the law and the City's alcohol ordinances recently. Investigators visited 17 businesses for their most recent operation on July 31, and 14 of them passed.

"As summer comes to an end, we believed it was necessary to conduct an underage drinking operation to make sure our businesses have not faltered in their efforts to sell alcohol safely," said ABC Unit Supervisor Sgt. Samantha Stephens.

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Direct-To-Consumer Wine Shipments On The Rise During Covid

Consumers are also ordering more product directly from wineries. While Direct-to-Consumer (DtC) sales were already an important part of the winery sales picture they are becoming more important as new wineries join the sales fray and established ones ramp up sales.

So I recently had a chat with **Alex Koral**, senior regulatory counsel with **Sovos ShipCompliant**, a company which provides wineries with compliance and management tools about a recent report that was carried out. He shared some of the latest data on regional and varietal wine sales and how the DtC market is growing and changing.

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New York - The Hottest Brooklyn Cocktail Bar of the Pandemic Is Actually Prospect Park

In recent weeks, several out-of-work hospitality industry professionals have taken advantage of the massive expanse of Prospect Park — it covers 526 acres and borders several neighborhoods, such as Park Slope and Flatbush — to sell cocktails to parkgoers who are using the outdoor space for socially distanced hangouts. Although New York loosened its liquor laws temporarily, selling alcohol without a liquor license is still illegal — and, according to state law, only businesses with a physical space can obtain a license. So independent vendors are left with no other option than to risk being fined or even jailed, with penalties increasing after each violation.

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Virginia ABC Offering BOLT Program Online

The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) has launched a new, online version of a program aimed at preventing substance use among middle school-age youth, Being Outstanding Leaders Together Against Drugs and Alcohol (BOLT). The revamped program, which was first offered in 2014, provides educators free training and resources designed to serve as a guide to preventing youth substance use at this pivotal developmental stage. BOLT was created to dovetail with the Virginia Department of Education Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Standards of Learning (SOLs) and support middle school prevention activities including in-classroom curriculum instruction and participation in substance use awareness campaigns.

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5 shot at massive warehouse party in Harbor Gateway, police say

Police said about 100 to 200 people attended the illegal party at the warehouse. Gunfire erupted inside and outside the building, and the five shooting victims -- identified only as three males and two females -- were transported to a hospital. One victim was transported in serious condition, but all are expected to survive.

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Public record or trade secret? Battle over number of liquor licenses could go to Pa. high court

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board has twice been ordered to turn over information about how many licenses are eligible to be auctioned off in each county, most recently by the Commonwealth Court. But the agency is now appealing those decisions, asking the state's highest court to intervene to protect information that it believes amounts to a trade secret.

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Australia - New map to track alcohol abuse suburb by suburb, pub by pub

The new Independent NSW Liquor and Gaming **live-data portal** enables licence applicants and the community to compare the number and type of liquor businesses and the latest demographic and alcohol-related crime and health data for every suburb and local government area in NSW.

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