

Mass shooting at unsanctioned, Hartford 'nightclub' leaves one dead, five wounded, police say; three others shot overnight

Six people were shot, one of them fatally, during a birthday party early Tuesday in a Hartford warehouse, which police say was operating as an “unsanctioned nightclub” even before the pandemic closed down bars.

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Why Craft Distillers Are Calling to Expand Direct-to-Consumer Shipping

Buying spirits online has never been more convenient for consumers. In dozens of states, drinkers can purchase their favorite liquor brands through websites such as [ReserveBar](#), and have them shipped to their door via common carriers like UPS or FedEx. Meanwhile, third-party service [Drizly](#) delivers bottles within a matter of hours in the 15 states it currently operates in. Such convenience is clearly a boon for consumers, especially right now as many may wish to limit their trips to liquor stores because of the coronavirus pandemic. But some spirits producers (mainly smaller-production, craft brands) say the current landscape could be vastly improved both for distillers and consumers if the laws surrounding direct-to-consumer (DTC) sales were relaxed.

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Public drinking coming to Canada

In recent months, many Canadian cities have proposed changing laws around public alcohol consumption. Due to the significant impact of COVID-19 and implementation of social distancing measures on the hospitality industry, government officials have been pushing to relax patio regulations and alcohol laws to help restaurants and bars stay in business.

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Ohio Case Will Likely Determine Whether Other States Use 21st Amendment Enforcement Act

As was widely reported in the alcohol trade press, the state of Ohio filed suit against several online retail outlets a week ago after an investigation into direct-to-consumer shipments of wine and spirits into the state. The suit follows an investigation where employees of the Division of Liquor Control ordered wine and spirits online through retail outlets and received the alcohol at the Division’s headquarters. Ohio argues that the online retail outlets did not have a license to ship the alcohol directly to consumers in Ohio, and therefore violated Ohio law.

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Gaps in Reporting Human Trafficking Incidents Result in Significant Undercounting

Crime statistics on human trafficking are only as solid as the crime data informing them. Recent NIJ-supported research reveals that labor and sex trafficking data appearing in the FBI's national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program may significantly understate the extent of human trafficking crimes in the United States.

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2020 DtC Wine Shipping Mid-Year Report

Since we released the annual **Direct-to-Consumer Wine Shipping Report** in partnership with Wines Vines Analytics back in January, a lot has changed when it comes to how consumers are getting their wine. The COVID-19 pandemic swayed buying channels drastically, shifting traditional retail and on-premise sales over to ecommerce sales. With brick-and-mortar retailers being closed down temporarily, or hours modified, and on-premise locations like bars and restaurants being closed, many consumers have turned to DtC shipping in order to purchase their favorite wines. The DtC channel has seen significant growth due to this; in fact there have been almost 1 million more cases shipped in the first half of 2020 (January through June) than in the first half of 2019, a 29% increase. In terms of value, consumers have spent \$222 million more in the first half of 2020 compared to 2019, a 15% increase.

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State of Iowa to strengthen enforcement of social distancing requirements for food and alcohol businesses

The Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD) and Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) will work together to ensure that businesses follow public health guidelines set forth by the proclamation due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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Why alcohol-use research is more important than ever

"Alcohol-related harms are increasing at multiple levels—from emergency department visits and hospitalizations to deaths," Dr. Koob says. He spoke about NIAAA efforts that are working to address this and how people can get help

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How Restaurants Could Use Advanced Tech to Survive the Pandemic and Beyond

It's no secret that the COVID-19 crisis is destroying the restaurant industry. Hospitality dies when customers won't leave their homes, and no amount of Grub Hub delivery will replace the dine-in experience, the workers it supports, or the money it generates.

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- A brief statement (no more than 500 words) detailing your background and qualifications, why you would like to hold this office, and your vision for the future of the NLLEA.

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