

# Smart Serve®

## Social Hosting Guide - COVID-19

The holiday season is here, and we want to help make it safe and enjoyable!

Licensed establishments have a legal duty of care for their guests and to ensure they get home safely. As invites to virtual events, dinners, lunches, and socially distanced celebrations start to come your way, knowing how to safely celebrate can help you reduce the risk.

**Having a mid-day virtual office party?** Skip the drinks or have alternate plans arranged if you must go out after, even if it is just to pick-up takeout around the corner.



Local Ontario businesses continue to ensure safe and responsible alcohol service.

When it is safe to do so, it is important to remember how to be a **safe social host**.

- ✓ Are you hosting or planning an afternoon virtual office party or social happy hour? Include a reminder in your invitation to not drink and drive
- ✓ Focus your event on food or another interactive activity. Those who are involved in social activities (talking with friends and eating) will often drink less, and slower
- ✓ Get outdoors – ensure you follow local guide lines and socially distance

**“No matter where you are, or how you are safely celebrating. Please enjoy responsibly.”**



**MAKE GOOD DECISIONS.**

Smart Serve Certified staff may not always be with you. So, we have put together a few tips to help you make good decisions at home.

- ✓ The legal drinking age in Ontario is 19 years of age
- ✓ **Know the signs of intoxication**
- ✓ Drinking too much too quickly can lead to severe impairment – **Try this** Blood Alcohol Calculator (BAC)
- ✓ What is a **Standard Drink**?

This year will be different for everyone. Social distancing and other public health safety guidelines may vary from business-to-business, city-to-city and town-to-town. Make your plans accordingly and politely decline to host or attend if you need (or want) to.

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