

SUCCESS

MAINE TOBACCO PREVENTION

SUPPORTING LOCAL OUTDOOR DINING ESTABLISHMENTS THROUGH
COMPREHENSIVE TOBACCO POLICY



SUMMARY

Breathe Easy While Dining Outdoors

Treworgy Family Orchards in Levant, Jimmies Ice Cream in Brewer and the Brewer Bowling Lanes all passed tobacco policies that include a reminder to employees and patrons that smoking or vaping where food/drinks are served outdoors is prohibited. Referenced in the following statute (Smoking in outdoor eating areas Title 22. M.R.S. §1550).



NEED / ISSUE

In 2020 and continuing into 2021, many more restaurants expanded outdoor eating options due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Bangor Public Health and Community Services Tobacco Prevention Staff experienced a notable increase in questions and concerns around outdoor eating spaces and tobacco use from community members and business owners. In Maine, 67% of high school students believe that there is a moderate to great risk associated with being exposed to other people's cigarette smoke. (2019 MIYHS)



INTERVENTION

The staff reached out to the Maine Department of Health and Human Resources to determine if the Maine Outdoor Dining Law brochure contained the most up to date information. The brochure was shared with Treworgy Family Orchards, Jimmies, and Brewer Bowling Lanes as well as many restaurants with outdoor eating areas through the Downtown Bangor Collaborative.

"This is really helpful and is a significant improvement to our current policy" Jon-Treworgy Family Orchards This policy has a positive impact for 50,000 individuals annually.



OVERVIEW

As a result of the education and information shared with local business owners, Bangor Public Health & Community Services staff was able to offer technical assistance to three local outdoor eating establishments. These efforts led to the creation of three no smoking/vaping policies to help protect outdoor dining patrons.

Link to the brochure can be found:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/el/sj/tefiles/tobacco/HIP%20Outdoor%20Dining%20Smoking%20Prohibition%20Law%20Guide%2011818.pdf>

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