

Wisconsin Restaurant Association: DNC participants being asked to avoid bars and restaurants

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The Wisconsin Restaurant Association and its members continue to take COVID-19 seriously, working tirelessly to ensure that restaurants and bars are safe for both employees and customers. In fact, the Association has not only followed CDC and DHS recommendations, but has gone above and beyond by partnering with public health departments to create the [Wisconsin Restaurant Promise](#) as well as [specific resources to ensure the safe reopening of restaurants](#).

“While we applaud the Democratic National Committee for choosing Milwaukee as its convention destination, we were extremely disappointed to learn that the DNC is encouraging attendees to avoid restaurants and bars while visiting, especially considering that restaurants were huge champions in the effort to get the convention to come to Milwaukee,” according to Kristine Hillmer, President & CEO of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association.

“Let’s be clear. We all want employees and customers to be safe. And we all want to support restaurants and their employees who have been devastated financially and emotionally by the pandemic. The good news? We can have both.”

The DNC should encourage its attendees to patronize restaurants and bars who have created a safe environment for patrons – those who practice social distancing, use facemasks and stepped up sanitation practices and safety precautions.

“Our cherished restaurants and bars need our support now more than ever. Let’s work together to get through this unbelievably difficult time,” says Hillmer.