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Vaccination Host Sites

HAWDC has been in discussions with the District government regarding ways to facilitate the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. In order to increase the number of people vaccinated, there needs to be an increase in the number of sites that can hold large groups of individuals, in a safe and socially distant manner. Hotels can assist with this by offering the use of meeting space.

We are still in discussions with the government regarding this idea and nothing has been confirmed. However, HAWDC would like to gauge the interest of members who would be willing to participate in this program, before continuing our discussions. If you would be willing to offer space in your hotel as a vaccination site, please contact me at Lisa@hawdc.com.

Group Gathering Numbers

HAWDC is continuing our discussions with District officials regarding the current group gathering limit. We understand that the current limit of 10 persons per room is having an impact on business. With schools opening, new airline protocols being considered and vaccines becoming increasingly available, HAWDC will continue to press for higher and more flexible thresholds for group gatherings. We will keep members updated regarding our discussions.

DC Salutes You Military Discount Program

Last week, in partnership with the Hospitality Alliance, Mayor Muriel Bower announced the "DC Salutes You" program. This program is intended to give members of the military, law enforcement, and first responders, special deals and discounts in while staying in the District.

In a show of appreciation for their service to Washington, DC, the hospitality industry invites military, law enforcement and first responders back to the nation's capital to experience the city's hotels, restaurants, attractions and shops. Deals will follow the latest COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, and will be listed on washington.org/dcsalutesyou.

“Hotels are thrilled to offer our nation's servicemen and women the opportunity to return to D.C. to enjoy the best that the District's hospitality industry has to offer. We look forward to continuing to work in conjunction with Mayor Bowser as we collectively thank our troops and reinvigorate the vitality of the hospitality industry in our nation's capital,” says Solomon Keene, President & CEO, HAWDC.

HAWDC urges members to sign up for the program and we thank those members who have already created deals. If you are interested in signing up for the program, please contact Destination DC for more information.

Regards,
Lisa