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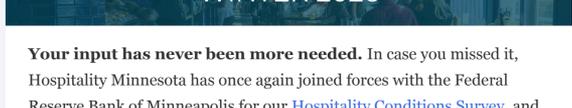
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We Need Your Data: Hospitality Conditions Survey Closes Wednesday



HOSPITALITY CONDITIONS SURVEY WINTER 2026

Your input has never been more needed. In case you missed it, Hospitality Minnesota has once again joined forces with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis for our [Hospitality Conditions Survey](#), and the Winter 2026 edition of the survey closes on Wednesday!

- **Why it matters:** Your responses help the Minneapolis Fed and Hospitality Minnesota educate business leaders, policymakers, and the public about current conditions.

What your participation revealed last time: [Key takeaways from Fall 2025's Hospitality Conditions Survey](#) painted a clear picture of an industry navigating declining revenue, harmful tariffs, and compounding obstacles – evidence we put to work in every policy conversation.

[Take the Survey!](#)

Advocate for Hospitality April 8: 2026 Day at the Capitol



HOSPITALITY MINNESOTA DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2026

APRIL 8, 2026 | MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL

Calling all advocates: Join hospitality leaders from across the state for [Hospitality Day at the Capitol on April 8, 2026 at the Minnesota State Capitol](#), a day dedicated to advocating for the hotels, restaurants, resorts, and tourism businesses that power Minnesota's economy.

What to Expect:

- **Briefing Session:** Learn about current legislative priorities and how to effectively share your story with lawmakers.
- **Meetings with Legislators:** Engage in meaningful conversations with elected officials who shape policies affecting your business and community.
- **Networking Lunch:** Connect with industry professionals and legislative leaders while discussing shared industry goals.

The bottom line: Policy gets made with or without us. These are your chances to make sure it's *with* us.

[Register Here!](#)

REMINDER: Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program Enrollment Now Open



Voluntarily enroll today: The [Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program](#) is a state-facilitated, employer-supported retirement program that bridges the retirement savings gap for hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans.

- **Dates to remember:** Voluntary enrollment is live now through March 30, with April 1 being the first wave of registration/opt out selection for employers with 100 or more employees.

More Secure Program Retirement Program Resources:

- [Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program - General Information Sheet](#)
- [Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program - Employer Registration Checklist](#)
- [Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program - Employer Fact Sheet](#)

[Learn More](#)

Operators, We Need Your Input: Your Experiences Shape Policy



Hospitality Minnesota is collecting member feedback on the state's Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) program to shape our advocacy strategy for the 2026 legislative session.

The big picture: Legislators need to hear more than just "it's difficult"—they need specific data on:

- Expected administrative burdens.
- The financial impact of the 0.88% and 0.66% premiums.
- Staffing challenges related to the 20-week maximum leave.

[Share Your Experience](#)

Join Us at the 20th Annual Minnesota ProStart Invitational!



You're invited: Watch Minnesota's future leaders of hospitality at the 20th Annual Minnesota ProStart Invitational [Thursday, March 12, 2026, to the St. Paul RiverCentre](#).

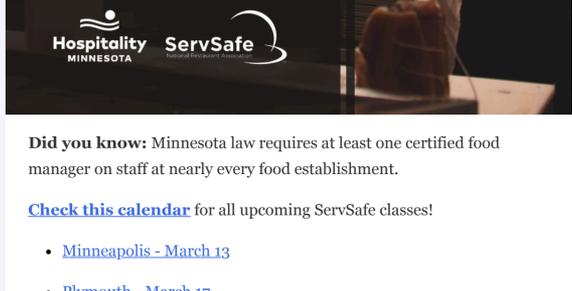
About the event: The Invitational proudly showcases the culinary and entrepreneurial skills of high school students enrolled in a ProStart program. The Minnesota ProStart Invitational includes two competition divisions:

- **Culinary:** Teams of future foodservice professionals put their culinary knowledge and skills to the test.
- **Management:** Teams demonstrate their knowledge of the hospitality industry by developing a business proposal for a new restaurant concept.

What's at stake for the teams: The winners of each division will represent Minnesota at the [National ProStart Invitational in Baltimore, MD, on April 24-26, 2026](#).

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Post-Operation Metro Surge Recovery Options Available



More relief resources available: As Minnesota businesses continue recovery post Operation Metro Surge, multiple relief efforts have launched, and more relief initiatives are on the horizon.

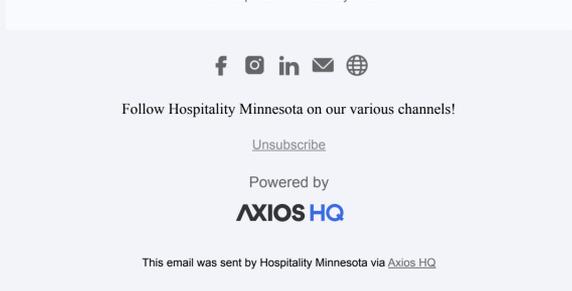
Resources currently available:

- **The Salt Cure Restaurant Recovery Fund:** This fund aims to aid Minnesota restaurants, bars, and catering businesses.
- **The Economic Response Fund:** This fund provides short-term stabilization grants to help businesses address urgent business-related needs.
- **Small Business Economic Response Grants:** Small businesses may now apply for Economic Response grants through the Minneapolis Foundation. Small businesses with 40 or fewer employees may be eligible for grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

Go deeper: We've been compiling a list of resources for those most impacted by Minnesota's federal occupation on our [Immigration Resources](#) webpage.

[Access Our Resources](#)

ServSafe Classes Near You



Did you know: Minnesota law requires at least one certified food manager on staff at nearly every food establishment.

[Check this calendar](#) for all upcoming ServSafe classes!

- [Minneapolis - March 13](#)
- [Plymouth - March 17](#)
- [Minneapolis - March 18](#)
- [Roseville - March 23](#)

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In the News

- [Shop Local, Stand Together: Looking back and looking forward](#) | DEED Developments
- [Tourism boosters hope to repair Minnesota's image as ICE departs](#) | Star Tribune
- [WhiteBox Marketing and multiple other Hospitality Minnesota members awarded at the American Advertising Awards](#) | LinkedIn

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