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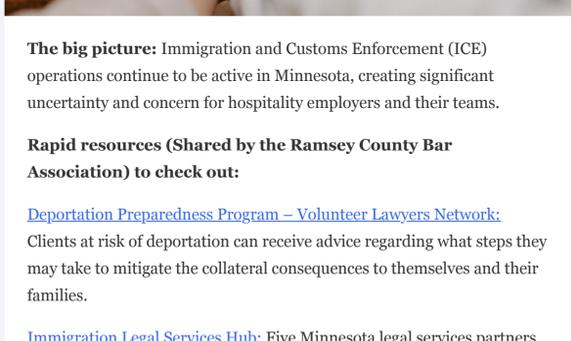
In today's February 9, 2026 Update:

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ICE Operations in Minnesota: Volunteer Legal Support, Detainee Locator, and More



The big picture: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations continue to be active in Minnesota, creating significant uncertainty and concern for hospitality employers and their teams.

Rapid resources (Shared by the Ramsey County Bar Association) to check out:

[Deportation Preparedness Program – Volunteer Lawyers Network:](#) Clients at risk of deportation can receive advice regarding what steps they may take to mitigate the collateral consequences to themselves and their families.

[Immigration Legal Services Hub:](#) Five Minnesota legal services partners have coordinated to develop Minnesota's Immigration Legal Services Hub at LawHelp MN.

Other helpful tools and public resources:

- [Request Assistance from a Pro Bono Attorney to Take a Habeas Case](#)
- [ICE Detainee Locator](#)
- [How to Find a Loved One After a U.S. Immigration Arrest - National Immigrant Law Center](#)
- [Rights Violated by ICE or Federal Forces? Let us know! - ACLU of Minnesota](#)
- [Federal Action Reporting Form - MN Attorney General](#)

Go deeper: Access these resources and more on our [Immigration Resources](#) webpage.

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Next Wednesday: Describe Your Economic Reality in Fed Survey



Your voice fuels our advocacy. Hospitality Minnesota is once again joining forces with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis this Wednesday, February 18 for the first 2026 Hospitality Conditions Survey.

- **Why it matters:** Your responses directly shape the data and insights we bring to legislators, regulators, and industry leaders. With statewide immigration enforcement intensifying, real-time input from operators is critical to making our case at every level.

What your participation revealed last time: [Key takeaways from September'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.

The BIG Schmooze: Join Other Industry Leaders February 19

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You're invited! [Join us February 19 at Pints & Paddle for The BIG Schmooze!](#) This networking event is a laid-back, come-as-you-are gathering that brings together Allied Business members with restaurant, hotel, and resort operators from across Minnesota.

Event Highlights

- **Meet & Mingle:** Chat with decision makers in a relaxed setting.
- **Buy a Drink:** Allied members are encouraged to buy an owner/operator a beverage— it's a natural conversation starter!
- **Open Networking:** Plenty of time to hang out, share ideas, and connect over light bites and drinks.

[Register Now!](#)

Your Perspective is Needed: Share Your Paid Leave Experience



We need your data. 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](#)

REGISTER TODAY: 2026 Advocacy Opportunities



Become the voice of your industry. Registrations for all three 2026 advocacy opportunities are now live — and every seat at the table strengthens our collective impact.

ALL MINNESOTA OPERATORS: [2026 Day at the Capitol | April 8, 2026](#) | [Saint Paul](#)

- **Be the lobbyist:** Walk the halls of the Capitol, sit down with your legislators face-to-face, and make the case for hospitality. No experience needed — just your story and your passion.

RESTAURANT OPERATORS: [Restaurants Act Public Affairs Conference | March 10-12, 2026 | Washington D.C.](#)

- **Take it national:** Join the restaurant industry's largest grassroots advocacy event. Meet lawmakers on Capitol Hill, hear from top political voices, and stand shoulder-to-shoulder with operators from across the country.

LODGING OPERATORS: [Hotels on the Hill | May 12-23, 2026 | Washington D.C.](#)

- **Your business, their vote:** Meet with your home-state members of Congress and put a face to the issues shaping lodging — from workforce challenges to the guest experience.

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

ServSafe Classes Near You



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

[Check our Event Calendar](#) for upcoming ServSafe classes!

- [Bloomington - February 10](#)
- [Rochester - February 10](#)
- [Roseville - February 17](#)

[Find A Class Near You!](#)

In the News

- [Operation Metro Surge hits Twin Cities hospitality and tourism industry with millions in lost revenue](#) | Kare 11
- [Delaying hotel liquor licenses for hosting ICE? Bad move.](#) | Star Tribune Op-Ed
- [The Salt Cure Restaurant Recovery Fund](#) | Emergency Aid for MN Restaurants
- [First-ever Famous Dave's and Papa Murphy's combination restaurant opens in St. Paul](#) | Bring Me The News
- [Treasure Island's Buffalo Tower reopens with \\$10M+ upgrades](#) | Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal

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