Alcohol Outlet Density: An Evidence-Based Strategy

States permit local governments to regulate alcohol outlet density

Local governments use licensing and/or zoning authority to regulate alcohol outlet density

Regulating alcohol outlet density improves health & saves lives

**Considerations for Local Regulation of Alcohol Outlet Density as a Public Health Strategy**

- **Gives authority to those who know local conditions best**
- **Encourages local residents to engage in decision-making processes**
- **Supports community norms that discourage excessive drinking**
- **Empowers local law enforcement agencies to address problems associated with excessive alcohol use**

Reduced rates of excessive alcohol consumption (including binge and underage drinking)

Fewer public nuisance activities and reduced police costs

Lower rates of violence

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