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## **Portico Brewing to open new 3,400 s/f taproom**

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Somerville, MA When the city is ready to fully reopen, there's good news in store for locals. Whether you're a beer fan or just looking for a cool new place to visit, Portico Brewing's new 3,400 s/f taproom is sure to be a must-see.

Founded in 2012, Portico has focused on creating a range of beers that aim to achieve unforgettable flavors while also remaining accessible to all audiences.

The brand is obsessed with architecture and design, which is obvious from their stand-out can labels and names. The new taproom will be no exception. The buildout is soon to be underway, with special focus on combining design and minimalism with comfort and that feeling of a place you'll want to stay and hang out a while.

Also, the team points out, because they're building now, they have the advantage of being able to create a COVID-19-safe environment. Their plans include modular, movable divider walls and seating to put safety and compliance first, giving them the ability to change the space over time.

Finally, they have elected to crowdfund the final portion of their buildout budget to give locals the opportunity to invest directly in Somerville's future. Since traditional bank loans are near impossible to access for food and beverage businesses in the current environment, crowdfunding allows communities to fill the financing void by directly supporting small businesses in their own communities.

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