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**Date:** March 8, 2021

**Re:** St. Patrick's Day Events – Reminders for the general public, licensees, and other stakeholders

**From:** Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC)

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In anticipation of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day holiday, the BLLC reminds all our stakeholders that we remain amidst the COVID-19 global pandemic. The State of Maryland and City of Baltimore remain under a State of Emergency and all operations must adhere to the latest restrictions as set forth by Governor Hogan and Mayor Scott. We encourage members of the general public to review the clarifications below, and we also remind licensees of BLLC's expectations of them.

#### **Pub Crawls/Tours**

*"A pub tour is an event that includes at least three (3) license holders whose premises are within walking distance of each other who participate in a coordinated promotion to sell or provide alcoholic beverages during a specified date and time to a group of 75 or more individuals."*<sup>1</sup>

Pub Crawls/Tours remain prohibited within the City under the Mayor's current Executive Order. The Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) has not issued any Special Event Permits, nor has the BLLC issued any pub crawl/tour licenses in calendar year 2021. As a reminder, if you see other agencies such as the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) or DOT close streets for public safety, such action does not mean that the BLLC has licensed any related activity.

**\*\*\*If you see a pub crawl/tour advertised, please contact the Liquor Board to investigate. Members of the public should be aware that if you are paying money for a pub crawl/tour registration for St. Patrick's Day 2021, it may very well be a scam.\*\*\***

#### **BLLC Inspection Activities and Expectations**

The BLLC Inspection Division, Executive Division, and Community Liaison will be present in the historically popular St. Patrick's Day areas—including Federal Hill, Fell's Point, and Canton—during the weekends prior to and after St. Patrick's Day. Members of the public and licensees can expect a heavier than usual monitoring presence on Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>, on St. Patrick's Day itself, Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, and on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>.

For licensees, the BLLC asks that you please prepare to be inspected and consider the following:

- Licensees **must** operate under the restrictions outlined in the most current Executive Orders of the Governor and Mayor. BLLC Guidance can be found on our website, here: <https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/blc-covid-19-updates>.
- Any security personnel should have clickers for counting patrons both entering and exiting, to ensure proper capacity.

In order to facilitate an easy inspection process, licensees should make readily available the following:

- COVID19 sign-in sheets
- Liquor License and other related government permits: Fire, Health, Trader's License, etc.
- Access to the entirety of your licensed premises.

The BLLC thanks you for your review of these materials and encourages everyone to remain vigilant during this pandemic.

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<sup>1</sup> See BLLC Standard Operating Procedure 2.08.