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Re: Guidance for Baltimore City's licensed establishments concerning Executive Order 20-07-29-01 issued by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, which requires the usage of face coverings in licensed establishments

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

To provide revised guidance to licensed establishments within the City of Baltimore, the BLLC requests that all applicable licensees adhere to the following guidelines to ensure compliance with Executive order 20-07-29-01 issued by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, which takes effect on July 31, 2020:

1. How does Executive Order 20-07-29-01 issued by Governor Hogan affect my business?

- a. Effective 5:00 pm on July 31, 2020, all individuals over the age of five (5) years old are required to wear a Face Covering when they are receiving indoor or outdoor beverage and/or food service at a licensed establishment.

2. Are there any exceptions to Executive Order 20-07-29-01 issued by Governor Hogan?

- a. Yes. Individuals are not required to wear Face Coverings when they are consuming food or beverages from a licensed establishment.

3. How does Executive Order 20-07-29-01 define a Face Covering?

- a. As per the Executive Order a "Face Covering" means a covering that fully covers a person's nose and mouth and is secured to the person's head, but is not a Medical-Grade Mask. The term "Face Covering" includes, without limitation, scarves, bandanas, and plastic full-face shields. "Medical-Grade Mask" means an N95, KN95, surgical, or other mask that would be appropriate for a health care setting.

4. Does Executive Order 20-07-29-01 still require all staff at a licensed establishment to wear a Face Covering?

- a. Yes. All individuals employed by licensed establishments must continue to wear Face Coverings while preparing and delivering food and beverages.

5. Does Executive Order 20-07-29-01 issued by Governor Hogan override Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young's Executive Order prohibiting indoor consumption of alcoholic beverages at Restaurants and Bars?

- a. No. Mayor Young's Executive Order Rescinding Mayoral Orders Regarding Limited Opening of Restaurants and Bars for Indoor Dining issued on July 22, 2020 is still in effect. As such, indoor consumption of food and beverages within a Restaurant or Bar in Baltimore City is prohibited.

If you have any other questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy Executive Secretary Thomas R. Akras at 410-396-4377 or via email at thomas.akras@baltimorecity.gov