

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

April 2020

New Resources for Licensees



Goldman Sachs



On April 14th, a **new resource** for small businesses was announced by the City of Baltimore in partnership with Goldman Sachs and Lendistry. \$10 million in potentially forgivable SBA Paycheck Protection Program loans will be made available to help vulnerable small businesses in the City. This program is made possible through the Federal Government's C.A.R.E.S. act and Goldman Sachs' Small Business Stimulus Package. It will target underserved businesses, including those which do not currently have a relationship with a traditional bank.

To see the press release, [click here](#). The program will begin accepting applications immediately. To apply, [click here](#). For more information on requirements and for Lendistry online technical assistance, [click here](#).

Additional State resources for small business, found here:

- [Maryland COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund for Businesses](#)
- [COVID19 Layoff Aversion Fund](#).

COVID-19 April Updates

As the COVID-19 health emergency continues, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) remains committed to working with State and local partners to ensure compliance by its licensees with the law to maintain the general safety, health, and welfare of the City's communities. BLLC continues to issue guidance in the form of letters and press releases to help our stakeholders understand how to comply with the Executive Orders. To view the COVID-19 section of our website, [click here](#).

Continued Office Procedures and Hours: Office closed to General Public

To ensure the safety of the general public and BLLC employees in light of Baltimore City Health Department recommendations regarding "social distancing" due to COVID-19, we have adopted the following new procedures:

Effective Monday March 23, 2020 the BLLC requests that all applications, correspondence, and related materials be **mailed in to the office at 1 North Charles St., 15th Floor, Baltimore, MD, 21201**. Phone lines will remain open from 8:30am to 4:30pm each day, though no one will be available in person at the offices.

Reminder - Operations of Licensed Establishments:

On March 22, 2020, the BLLC **issued additional guidance** to licensed establishments in Baltimore City concerning carry out and delivery procedures for alcoholic beverage service. To see the list of guidelines, [click here](#).

Reminder- Extensions of time periods:

On March 20, 2020, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) decided to suspend the effect of all legal and procedural deadlines, due dates, time of defaults, time expiration, and periods of time as State law affecting renewal application deadlines and late fees, Protest of Renewal petitions, pending transfer applications, and other such matters effective March 12, 2020. To see a copy of the BLLC's Press Release, [click here](#).

BLLC Inspection Division:

The BLLC Inspection Division is continuing to perform inspections to ensure licensees are in compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders. **Members of the public are encouraged to call 311 and report any alleged violations. Our inspectors are assigned to day and evening shifts and will respond accordingly.**

Virtual Hearings:

The BLLC is currently working with other City agencies to implement virtual hearings as an option for upcoming new, transfer, expansion, and hardship cases in May. We will update stakeholders through the website and email list-serv as these plans progress. Individual parties for hearings will be contacted directly.

(Please note that the information in this newsletter is subject to change. Please check the BLLC website at lb.baltimorecity.gov for the most up-to-date information.)