

# BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

April 2021

## COVID-19 April Update

For the latest information, [view the COVID-19 section of our website](#).

### Office Remains Closed to General Public:

Please remember, the BLLC requests that all applications, correspondence, and related materials be **mailed in to the office at 1 North Charles St., Suite 1500, 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.

### COVID-19 Newest Restrictions

On March 25, 2021 the BLLC released guidance for Baltimore City's licensed establishments concerning Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Updated Executive Order as it pertains to licensee operations and requirements, which went into effect March 26, 2021, at 6AM. In general, most licensees can operate at the capacity listed below:

Indoor Dining	Outdoor Dining
50%	75%

For further details and specifics, to see a copy of the BLLC's guidance, please click [here](#). To see a copy of Mayor Scott's Executive Order click [here](#). To see a copy of the Contract Tracing Restaurant Sign-In Sheet provided by the Baltimore City Health Department and Mayor Scott, please click [here](#).

### Virtual Hearings:

The BLLC held its first virtual hearing on May 7, 2020. All hearings are available for [viewing on CharmTV](#). The next hearing will be May 13th, 2021, [click here for more information](#).

## 2021 Renewal – Reminder

On March 30, 2021, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) notified Governor Hogan that it will suspend late fees for 30 days for 2021-2022 liquor license renewal applications, from April 1, 2021, to April 30, 2021. **\*\$50/day late fees begin on May 1\*** To see a copy of the BLLC's Letter to Governor Hogan, click [here](#). Further guidance from the BLLC on the upcoming expiration of the Governor's Executive Order suspending deadlines and time limits will come soon, explaining how this may affect your license or pending applications.

## 311 Reminder



The BLLC thanks the many citizens who submit concerns and complaints about licensed establishments using the 311 system. Call 3-1-1, or [online](#) or [311 app](#).

Please remember to specify that it is a "Liquor License" complaint and provide as much detail as possible, such as:

- Date and time of occurrence
- Details (as much as you can give)
- Pictures, if possible
- Your contact information, if you would like an inspector to contact you.

Our Inspection Division is actively responding to investigate your complaints.

## BLLC Inspection Staff at Orioles Opening Day

Opening Day for the Orioles occurred on April 8<sup>th</sup>, and the BLLC Inspection Division was present across the City as bars and restaurants welcomed back Orioles fans for celebrations before, during, and after the game. Inspectors visited establishments that normally draw crowds for baseball, especially opening day, including the row of bars across the street from Camden Yards. We thank our licensees for their diligence in adhering to the current COVID requirements, with only minor corrections needed by our inspectors and no violations.

*Did you know?* Camden Yards is a licensed establishment and will be visited by inspectors throughout the season to make sure the stadium is in compliance with BLLC rules and regulations. The BLLC encourage all Orioles fans to enjoy this season safely!



From left: BLLC Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark, BLLC Inspector Washington w/ members of the WJZ news team, Pickle's Pub line and outdoor seating area. Pictures from BLLC Inspection staff.