

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

December 2020

COVID-19 December 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.

[License Year to end Dec. 31, 2020, renewal fees waived](#)

On Tuesday, December 8, 2020 the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) under the authority granted to it through Executive Order 20-06-19-01, voted unanimously to waive in total all annual renewal alcoholic beverage license fees for the 2020-2021 license period. *This will end the 2019-2020 license renewal period effective December 31, 2020.* To read the Press Release, please click [here](#). To see a copy of the License fee waiver letter, 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 January 21, 2021, [click here for more information](#).

COVID-19 Newest Restrictions

On December 10, 2020 the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) released guidance for Baltimore City's licensed establishments concerning Baltimore City Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Mayoral Executive Order Restricting Gatherings and Indoor and Outdoor Dining issued on December 9, 2020, which became effective on December 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. To see a copy of Mayor Scott's Executive Order, please click [here](#). To see a copy of the BLLC's guidance, please click [here](#).

New Year's Eve Hours ?

For New Year's Eve in Baltimore City, the law allows for licensed establishments to remain open past 2am and for the remainder of the day on January 1st. This does not apply to Package Goods, "A" Licenses. "A" licenses must close at midnight as they would on other business days.

Expect to see your favorite bar or restaurant remaining open beyond 2am (*for carryout and delivery according to the newest COVID-19 restrictions*) if they choose to do so. Happy New Year!

Bars and Restaurants Adapting During COVID-19

While these times are very difficult for bars and restaurants, the industry within Baltimore City has seen a strong support network develop. The BLLC is pleased to see those within the hospitality industry banding together to support each other in many different ways: food and necessity drives, discounts for industry at restaurants and stores, information sharing on best practices for switching to carryout and delivery, and online support networks such as the Baltimore Restaurant Relief Group ([on Facebook](#)). These efforts show the spirit of the industry that has always adapted during difficult times. Please reach out to your favorite establishments and see what support they may need, and don't forget to patronize your favorite places during the coming months!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

The Board and Staff of BLLC would like to wish all of our stakeholders safe, healthy, and happy holidays and a happy new year! Chairman of the Board, Albert J. Matricciani, shared the following message: "I would like to thank the staff and all partners for their dedication during difficult times. We wish the staff, community, and all of our stakeholders Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to continuing the hard work and to great success ahead in 2021."

