

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

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COVID-19 January Update

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

Office Remains Closed to General Public

Currently, 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. [A new drop box is available for documents, please click here for more information.](#)

COVID-19 Restrictions

REMINDER: In light of the resurgence in COVID-19 cases, and Mayor Brandon M. Scott's message regarding the continued importance of following the mask mandate, the BLLC has issued a reminder to our stakeholders and specifically our licensed establishments that the masking order remains in place. **The BLLC requests that all applicable licensees continue to adhere to the mask mandate guidelines to ensure compliance with the mask mandate.**

[-Copy of the Health Dept. Order](#)

[-Copy of the BLLC's guidance](#)

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 13th, 2022, [click here for more information.](#)

2022 CIAA Tournament in Baltimore

The BLLC would like to remind the public and our licensees about the upcoming CIAA Tournament to be held in Baltimore from February 21-26, 2022. To learn more about or apply for the CIAA Related Event Promoters Permit, [click here](#).



2022 BLLC License Renewal Coming Soon

Every year license holders are required to submit a renewal application in order to continue operating for the new license year. The renewal period is from March 1 – March 31. New licenses are issued for the license year which starts on May 1 and ends April 30 of each year. Look for details and application materials coming soon on the BLLC website and this newsletter!

Maryland General Assembly Session

The Maryland General Assembly will convene for the 2022 Session on January 12th. As you may know, State law guides the operations of the BLLC. Each session, new legislation is passed which may affect alcoholic beverage licensing in the City and State. To follow along with the 2022 Session, visit the MD General Assembly website at:

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/>



Reminder - Preventing Underage Alcohol Sales

The BLLC would like to remind all of our stakeholders, especially our licensees, that it is highly important to prevent underage sales of alcohol. Licensees should work to make sure best practices are in place to prevent such sales, including, but not limited to: ID checks, ID scanners, signs and notices, and making sure all employees are appropriately trained or take an alcohol awareness course.



What should a community do if they suspect an establishment is selling to minors? Anyone with such a concern should submit a 311 request, and may also directly contact the agency. The BLLC has a special task force that works with police cadets in an undercover capacity to test whether an establishment is properly checking ID and complying with the Rules and Regulations.

If a licensed establishment sells to a cadet in this case, the licensee is then brought before the Board for a public hearing, at which time community members may testify to the impact of the violation.