

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

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COVID-19 May Update

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

Office Still 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 Monday through Friday, though the public remains prohibited from entering the office.

COVID-19 Newest Restrictions

Current COVID restrictions as of May 15th, 2021: In general, **licensees may resume operating at 100% of fire marshal rated capacity, both indoor and outdoor**.

The following restrictions should be noted and are **still mandated by law**:

- Staff **must continue to wear face coverings** at all times.
- Indoor dining patrons **must continue to wear face coverings** except when eating or drinking.
- For adult entertainment licenses, performers as well as staff **must continue to wear face coverings**.

Remember, we are still under a State of Emergency due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Licensees should practice social distancing and encourage patrons to do the same.

[Governor's Executive Order](#)

[Mayor's Executive Order](#)

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 June 10th, 2021, [click here for more information](#).

Educational Opportunity for Licensees

The BLLC would like to make licensees aware of the following educational opportunity: **Free online training session for bar owners and managers** on Wednesday, June 9, 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm and again on Tuesday, June 15, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. This free 3-hour training will provide practical guidance on how to reduce over-service, increase profits, and decrease liability.

How to Increase Profits and Protect Your Customers

A FREE ONLINE TRAINING FOR BAR OWNERS & MANAGERS

Increase profits, reduce liability, and improve customer care using responsible management practices to reduce overservice

Register for a session today!

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 12:30-3:30 PM bit.ly/bartraining9	Tuesday, June 15, 2021 11:00-2:00 PM bit.ly/bartraining15
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Earn a \$50 Visa Gift Card upon completion of a session!

Participants who complete the training will also receive a **\$50 Visa Gift Card**. The trainer, Gregg Hanour, will also create a personalized Management Action Plan for each participating business.

To register:

[June 9 Session](#)

[June 15 Session](#)

City to Continue Outdoor Dining and Street Closure Programs

On May 19, 2021, Mayor Brandon M. Scott announced the continuation of the popular Outdoor Dining Street Closure and Outdoor Dining Seating programs. Both programs were implemented as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many individual restaurants as well as larger commercial areas such as Fell's Point and Federal Hill have taken advantage of the programs and created space for businesses to survive during times when indoor dining was closed or heavily limited.

Two separate programs are available. The Outdoor Seating relief program is for restaurants that do not have outdoor dining or wish to extend seating onto nearby sidewalks along the building. The Outdoor Dining Street Closure program is for those wishing to acquire permits that include partial street closures. Please see the [City's press release for more information](#).



From left: Outdoor Seating examples at Mick O'shea's on Charles Street downtown, Slainte and Kooper's in Fell's Point, Silver Queen Café in Lauraville/Hamilton, and Cross Street in Federal Hill.