

# BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

November 2020

## COVID-19 November 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.

### **Reminder - Operations of Licensed Establishments:**

BLLC publishes updated guidance documents with each new Mayoral Executive Order that affects operations. To see the most up to date guidance, click [here](#).

### **Reminder - Extensions of time periods:**

To see a copy of the BLLC's Press Release, [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 December 1, [click here for more information](#).



### **Virtual Hearing Primer**

Planning to attend an upcoming hearing? Find instructions and tips in our WebEx Primer, [here](#).

## COVID-19 Support from MD State Police

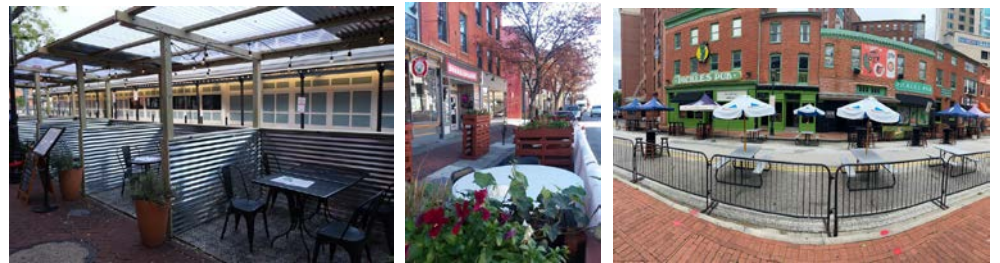
On November 23, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan announced an initiative to supplement local enforcement of COVID-19 regulations with members of the MD State Police. The State Police assistance will supplement the enforcement patrols from the BLLC Inspection Division and the Social Club Task Force (BLLC, Health, Fire, Housing, BPD). The State Police will partner with members of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit and the BLLC. This special enforcement unit will be highly visible and active in the traditionally busy areas such as Fells Point, Federal Hill, and Canton through the Thanksgiving holiday.

## City and State Changes to COVID-19 Guidelines

Upon the issuance of Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young's Executive Order on November 12<sup>th</sup>, and the revision of this order to adapt to Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order on November 20<sup>th</sup>, BLLC licensees have adapted to new COVID-19 guidelines for operation. Some of the major changes in the new guidelines include:

- All on-premise dining (indoor and outdoor) must cease by 10:00 pm.
- Establishments with Class D and BD-7 liquor licenses with a low-priority Health license (generally not serving food or with a kitchen) may not operate for on-premise consumption.
- Indoor dining must not exceed 25% capacity.
- All establishments must continue to practice social distancing, proper cleaning procedures, and adherence to the mask mandate for patrons and staff.

To read all of the details and requirements, read the BLLC Guidance document, [found here](#). BLLC will continue to issue guidance for future changes to the COVID-19 guidelines.



Photos: Alexander's Tavern, Breaking Bread (Pigtown Main Street), and Pickles Pub Facebook pages, respectively.

## Happy Thanksgiving!

The Board and Staff of BLLC would like to wish all of our stakeholders a safe and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

We encourage all of our licensees and community members to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday safely this year by abiding by social distancing and masking requirements. We know this is a challenging time and encourage all of you to reach out to your neighbors, local businesses, friends, and family to see what you can do to support them -- and don't forget to patronize and support your licensed establishments!

A special thanks to all our partners at the state and local level for your work this year in keeping our city safe. Happy Thanksgiving!

