

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

November 2022

COVID-19 November Update

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

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

On Tuesday, March 1, 2022, Mayor Brandon M. Scott officially lifted the Baltimore City Indoor Masking Mandate, citing recent data trends relating to COVID-19.

Holiday Special Sundays

Announcement: As authorized by the Alcoholic Beverages Article 12-2003(a)(1)(ii) and 12-2004(a)(1)(ii), the holder(s) of a Class "A" Beer & Wine License or a Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License may request a Special Sunday License which allows the license holder(s) to remain open the Sundays that fall between Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day. Any Class "A" License holder may apply for these Special Sundays. The establishment may be open between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. only and must conspicuously display the provided Special Sunday License.

[Copy of the 2022 Special Sunday License listing](#)

Community Association Updates

If your community organization has a change in leadership or contact info, please let us know. Also, we would like to remind community associations or other stakeholder groups that Community Liaison Matt Achhammer is available for informational presentations. Matt.Achhammer@baltimorecity.gov

BLLC Inspections Division Testimony Training

On Thursday, November 10th, BLLC inspections Division added another specialized training to their growing list, this time training for the hearing room. (*Inspections Division staff are already trained in CPR, First Aid, Trauma Care, and Human Trafficking Identification.*) Attorney Tom Swett guided inspectors and agents on a day-long training in how to be expert witnesses, provide cohesive and complete testimony, and present better cases before the Board. Mr. Swett is a National Institute for Trial Advocacy Master Advocate and has taught hundreds of attorneys throughout the country. He adapted his trainings to the unique nature of the Board hearings and the Inspectors' work. Through instruction and real-time practice with mock scenarios, staff worked on improving everything from details of reports to poise and confidence in giving testimony. The BLLC would like to thank Attorney Swett for his time and training.



2023 CIAA Tournament



The BLLC would like to remind the public and our licensees about the upcoming CIAA Tournament. **Liquor license holders** that would like to host a **related event with 75 or more people**, **OR**, would like to **partner with or have a promoter host a related event with 75 or more people** for the CIAA Tournament **must** follow the Rules and Regulations and use the CIAA Related Event Promoter's Permit Application below and in the Application Process section of our website:

- [CIAA Related Event Promoter's Permit Application \[PDF\]](#)
- [CIAA Related Event Promoter's Permit Rules & Regulations \[PDF\]](#)
- [CIAA Related Event Promoter's Permit SOP's \[PDF\]](#)

Happy Thanksgiving

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

We hope your Thanksgiving is filled with family, friends, and good memories - 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 continued collaboration and work in keeping our city safe. Happy Thanksgiving!

