

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

September 2022

COVID-19 September 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.

Rules and Regulations Update

BLLC Rules and Regulations are based off of the Alcoholic Beverages Article in the Maryland Annotated Code as well as police powers and case law. The update of the rules and regulations occurs approximately every five years and is necessary to keep up with the events changing around us, such as new outdoor dining trends since the occurrence of COVID-19 or events like the CIAA tournament. The goal is to make the updated version of the rules clear and easy to understand for license holders and individuals wishing to obtain a license. When finalized, draft Rules and Regulations will be made available for a period of public comment before being adopted by the Board.

BLLC will announce the Rules and Regulations draft version in the coming months, allowing time for public input.

[To see the current Rules and Regulations, click here.](#)

Community Meetings

We would like to remind any community associations or other stakeholder groups that Community Liaison Matt Achhammer is available for informational presentations.

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BLLC Inspections Division: Certifications

The BLLC Inspections Division, though relatively small in number, spends a good portion of time on routine inspections. However, when responding to 311 requests, the team is often dispatched all across the City. They also take on special assignments working with a multitude of partner agencies such as the Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, State Comptroller's agents, and more. This team of 9 (inspectors and agents), under the direction of Chief John Chrissomallis, has worked over the last few years to prepare itself on many different levels to go above and beyond, if needed. All team members have received training and certification for: First Aid, CPR, Trauma Care, and Naloxone (Narcan) / Overdose Care. Having these certifications recognizes the varying conditions across the City, and allows team members to respond appropriately in case of need.

In 2022 alone, inspections division team members or the Chief have aided in five different instances to help citizens in need: 2 instances of Naloxone (Narcan) distribution and overdose prevention, and three incidences of trauma care, aiding a victim until EMTs and others could respond. In the most recent incident, inspectors responding to a 311 observed a man being aided by an elderly citizen struggling to help, noticed the signs of an overdose, and helped the victim until EMTs arrived. These certifications are an important addition for our team, keeping them and others safe.



Above: BLLC Inspections Division team members in Fell's Point and PowerPlant Live.

BLLC In the Community

In August, BLLC Executive Secretary Douglas Paige and Community Liaison Matt Achhammer joined two different community walks: Pigtown Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue Main Streets. As always, these walks allow our staff to hear concerns directly from citizens and licensees, and take them back to our team for action. If you or your community is having a safety walk, please don't hesitate to invite us.



Above: BLLC Executive Secretary Paige on Pennsylvania Ave. and Pigtown Main Streets Listening Session Tours.