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**BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY INSTITUTES  
NEW SAFETY MEASURES DURING RENEWAL SEASON TO ENSURE THE SAFETY  
OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND BLLC STAFF**

**Baltimore, MD** – On Monday March 16, 2020 the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) announced new precautions it is undertaking during the 2020 renewal season to ensure the safety of the general public and BLLC employees in light of Baltimore City Health Department recommendations regarding “social distancing” due to COVID-19.

Effective Monday March 16, 2020 the BLLC will have a drop box located directly outside of its office. Renewal applications, supporting documents, and payment for \$50.00 made payable to the “Director of Finance” must be placed into the drop box. By following this new protocol, the general public will limit their physical contact with staff thus allowing for the implementation of the recommended “social distancing” policies.

Applications received through these aforementioned policies will be reviewed for legal sufficiency and form. Copies of invoices for the receipt of any payment will be provided to licensees when their 2020-2021 alcoholic beverages licenses are issued. If any application is deemed incomplete, licensees or their representatives will be contacted via the contact information they have provided for further follow-up.

Chairman Albert J. Matricciani, Jr. stated, “While it is unfortunate that we have to take these precautions, they are necessary to protect the health, well-being, and safety of the general public and BLLC staff.” He added, “The BLLC will continue to follow the recommendations regarding “social distancing” as issued by the Baltimore City Health Department as it relates to COVID-19 until further notice. Regardless of these new policies, the BLLC office will remain open and continue to review and process 2020 renewal applications.”

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