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What are the new Executive Orders for Baltimore City?

On November 10th, Mayor Young signed an [executive order moving Baltimore City into a modified Phase 1](#). This executive order went into effect on November 12th at 5:00 pm. On November 6th, Health Commissioner Dr. Letitia Dzirasa [issued a new health order](#), now requiring face covering be worn in all public spaces. The Health order went into effect on November 6th at 5:00 pm.

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What constitutes a gathering?

A gathering includes assemblies or meetings - social or festive - for a specific purpose. Types of gatherings include any celebrations, parties, cookouts, barbeques, reunions, or other events likely to involve a large group of people. Gatherings are typically by invitation, such as a wedding or a party at someone's home. Gatherings may be advertised to the general public, such as a fundraiser or festival and/or they may be ticketed events.

What's the limit for the number of people who can attend?

For gatherings at locations with a fire code-rated maximum occupancy, the limit is 25% of that occupancy. Gatherings at venues with multiple spaces or rooms for events are limited to 25% of maximum occupancy (based on the fire code) for each space. The number of people in the entire facility cannot exceed 25% of maximum occupancy collectively, among all of the spaces or rooms

Outdoor and indoor gatherings at locations without a fire-code rated maximum occupancy are capped at no more than 10 people and must include enough space to allow people to remain socially distant - at least 6 feet apart.

What about indoor recreation venues?

Indoor recreation venues are allowed at up to 25% occupancy. This includes bingo halls, bowling alleys, pool halls, roller and ice skating rinks, social and fraternal clubs, and indoor areas of any other establishment subject to Maryland's admission and amusement tax.

Are indoor bars that do not serve food permitted to reopen?

No.

Can a restaurant or foodservice facility continue outdoor, carry-out, or delivery service after 10:00 pm?

Yes

Are employees/staff to be counted toward an establishment's maximum occupancy?

Yes, for all venues, facilities, establishments, or other spaces with a maximum occupancy requirement, employees, staff and any other person present must be included in the calculation.

If I have been issued a Class D Brewery License and my establishment is also licensed by the Health Department of Baltimore City as a “low priority” food service facility, or if a food license has not been issued to my establishment, am I allowed to provide indoor and/or outdoor on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages to patrons?

No. If your Class D Brewery License is licensed by the Health Department of Baltimore City as a “low priority” food service facility or your establishment lacks a food license, you cannot offer or allow indoor and/or outdoor on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages to patrons. However, you can provide carry-out service in closed containers for off-premises consumption, and your beer production operation can continue.

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