

REOPENING DC MODIFICATIONS INFORMATION SESSION



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AGENDA



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- Key Provisions
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AGENCY OVERVIEW





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- The **Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA)** is an independent agency within DC Government charged with supporting the public's health, safety and welfare through the control and regulation of the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages and medical cannabis.
- ABRA operates under the authority of the **Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board**, made up of seven (7) DC residents nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the DC Council. **Donovan Anderson** is the current ABC Board Chairperson.

KEY PROVISIONS

EFFECTIVE 5:00 A.M. ON MAY 21, 2021



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- On May 17, Mayor Muriel Bowser issued Mayor's Order 2021-069 lifting substantive restrictions implemented to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
- On May 19, the ABC Board adopted two (2) emergency rulemakings to ensure that DC's alcohol regulations are consistent with the new Mayor's Order.
- The Mayor's Order and emergency rulemakings take effect starting at **5:00 a.m. on Friday, May 21.**

KEY PROVISIONS

Service Hours

- On-premises alcohol hours for sales, service, and consumption revert to the hours permitted on the establishment's alcohol license.

Total Capacity

- Alcohol licensed restaurants, taverns, hotels, private clubs, and common carriers; manufacturers holding an on-site sales and consumption permit; and festival and temporary license holders may operate at up to 100 percent capacity indoors and outdoors.
- Nightclubs and multipurpose facilities are permitted to operate at 50 percent capacity—and increase capacity up to 100 percent at **5:00 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021.**

KEY PROVISIONS

Standing

- Patrons may stand to order or consume food or beverages, socialize, and to participate in recreational activities such as dancing, darts, axe throwing, bowling, and games of skill.
- Patrons may sit and be served at bars being utilized by bartenders and other waitstaff.
- Standing receptions are permitted.

Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing of patrons, tables, or seating is not required including at communal tables.

KEY PROVISIONS

Live Entertainment--General

- Live entertainment is permitted without physical distancing or face covering requirements.
- Live entertainment is limited between 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. daily in registered streateries and may not be heard inside homes located in residential zones. *No Change.*
- An [Entertainment Endorsement](#) is required to have entertainment in a registered streatery. *No Change.*
- Background and recorded music may be played in registered streateries at a level that is not heard in the homes of DC residents that are zoned residential. *No Change.*

KEY PROVISIONS

Prepared Food and Beverages

- Patrons may order alcohol for on-premises consumption indoors or outdoors without being required to purchase a prepared food item.
- Buffets, self-service stations, and “BYOB” may be offered.

Alcohol Carry-Out and Delivery

- Alcohol carry-out and delivery hours will be restored to the originally permitted 6:00 a.m. -1:00 a.m. daily—an increase of one (1) hour.
- Alcohol purchased for carry-out and delivery must be accompanied by at least one (1) prepared food item. This is a permanent statutory requirement. *No Change.*
- License holders may utilize up to two (2) additional locations for carry-out and delivery. Advance registration is required. *No Change.*

KEY PROVISIONS

Structures

- Sidewalk cafes, summer gardens, and streateries may not have more than two (2) side flaps or walls and a roof on outdoor dining structures, tents, or canopies. *No Change.*

Reservations

- Establishments must implement a reservation system for contact tracing purposes. *No Change.*
- Contact information from at least one person per party must be collected and maintained for at least 30-days. *No Change.*

KEY PROVISIONS

Face Masks and Coverings

- Establishments must allow their staff to wear a face covering if preferred.
- Establishments may require that patrons wear a face covering when entering the establishment unless the patron is under the age of two (2) years old or has a medical or mental health condition or a disability that prevents the patron from wearing a face covering. Signage providing guidance to patrons must be posted at entrances.
- [Cloth face covering guidance is available.](#)

RESUMING OPPORTUNITIES

Pub Crawls | Extended Holiday Hours



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Pub Crawls

Permits the organization of events featuring the sale and service of alcohol at multiple alcohol licensed establishments within walking distance for 200+ persons. [Details and applications are online.](#)

- Applications must be submitted at least 60-calendar days before the event date and include a litter removal and security plan. Applications are subject to ABC Board approval.
- Residents may submit a letter to the ABC Board highlighting concerns about previously held pub crawls for consideration for future events.
- Pub crawl licenses are valid for three (3) years.
- Board Orders, Settlement Agreements, Mayor's Orders, and ABC Board emergency rulemakings apply.

RESUMING OPPORTUNITIES

Extended Holiday Hours Program.

- Allows hotels, multipurpose facilities, nightclubs, restaurants, taverns, and manufacturers with an on-premises tasting permit to sell and serve alcohol until 4:00 a.m. and operate 24-hours a day during select dates.
[Details and applications available online.](#)
 - Licensees must submit an application and Public Safety Form at least 30-calendar days before the first eligible date they would like to extend hours. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
 - Registration is valid indefinitely. There is no fee to apply or participate.
 - Board Orders, Settlement Agreements, Mayor's Orders, and ABC Board emergency rulemakings apply.
 - Licensees currently registered may extend hours during **Memorial Day Weekend (Friday, May 28-Monday, May 31)**. The next eligible period for new applicants is **Independence Day Weekend (Friday, July 2-Sunday, July 4)**.

DEADLINE EXTENSIONS

Annual Payments and Games of Skill Endorsements



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GAMES OF SKILL ENDORSEMENT

- Effective April 1, 2021, all establishments, including those with an active Games of Skill Endorsement, must also secure a [Game of Skill Retailer License](#) from the Office of Lottery and Gaming (OLG).
 - Licensees whose Games of Skill Endorsement Applications have been approved by the ABC Board and are operating games of skill machines on-premises must submit a Game of Skill Retailer License Application to OLG by **Wednesday, June 30**.
 - Requests for a Games of Skill Endorsement can be included in an applicant's [initial ABC License application](#) (new license) or in a Substantial Change Application (existing license).

DEADLINE EXTENSIONS

SECOND ANNUAL FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE

Licensure Period | October 1, 2019-September 30, 2022

Payment Deadlines | **The second and third annual payments are due on September 30, 2021.** The original deadline for the second annual payment was September 30, 2020.

- *Retailer CN*

THIRD AND FINAL LICENSE FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE

Licensure Period | April 1, 2019-March 31, 2022

Payment Deadline | September 30, 2021, no late fees. The original deadline was March 30, 2021.

- *Retailer CR/DR*
- *Retailer CH/DH*
- *Multipurpose facility CX/DX*
- *Common Carrier CX/DX*
- *Retailer Arena CX*
- *Club CX/DX*
- *Caterer*

Q&A

