



Alcohol Licensing and Permit Updates

Lobby Closed

Effective March 19, the Visitors Entrance/LRE lobby will be closed to the public. Call 240-777-1999 for assistance.

In accordance with the Governor's order that license periods will be extended for 30 days beyond the declared state of emergency, the **deadline to submit an alcoholic beverages license renewal application and the deadline to pick up the renewed license will be extended**. Licensees will be informed once new deadlines have been established. For those wishing to submit the renewal application now, paper applications with a check can be mailed to LRE, 201 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Applications can also be submitted through the online portal at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ABS/licensing/>. Use your existing iStore account or create a new account.

Carryout/Delivery Permission for Restaurants

The Board of License Commissioners approved the following resolution authorizing restaurants to sell beer and wine for carryout or delivery with a meal: *While the Governor's order to close all restaurants as a part of the catastrophic health emergency remains in effect, all restaurants licensed by the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners may sell sealed containers of beer and wine for off-premises consumption along with a takeout or delivered meal. This permission includes the sale of bottles, cans, growlers, and crows for off-premises consumption and does not include the sale of alcoholic drinks in a to-go cup. This permission does not include liquor. This permission expires when the emergency order to close restaurants is lifted. Businesses may deliver beer and wine to Montgomery County addresses along with a meal using their own staff. State law prohibits the delivery of alcohol by a third party, such as Grubhub or Uber Eats. Businesses must apply for this permission through an online form, and permission will be granted administratively by Alcohol Beverage Services staff.*

Apply for the permission at: https://myabs.formstack.com/forms/restaurant_offpremise_permission

Delivery Permit for Beer and Wine Stores

The Board of License Commissioners has authorized expedited approval of applications for a Retail Delivery permit by for Class BBWHR, ABW, BDBWL, and DBW licenses.

Apply for the permit at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ABS/Resources/Files/licensure/abs-retail-delivery-application.pdf.

Get the regulations at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ABS/Resources/Files/licensure/abs-off-premise-delivery-written-certification.pdf.

For Orders and Deliveries

ABS has cancelled all open sales orders and open purchase orders for on-premise only accounts due to Governor Hogan's executive order to close all restaurants and bars (with the exception of carry-out, drive-thru and delivery service). With the new permissions for a delivery permit for on-premise licensees, any items that your account would like will need to be re-ordered through iStore, emailing ABS.CommunicationCenter@montgomerycountymd.gov or by fax at 240-777-1909. Please keep in mind that ABS has implemented a minimum delivery of five cases of wine/spirit and seven cases of beer during this pandemic.