

Date: April 27, 2021

To: All LCRB Staff
All Liquor Primary Licensees
All Industry Associations
All Local governments, Indigenous Nations and police agencies

Re: Family Foodservice term and condition, Liquor Primary licensees

Current Policy

Liquor primary (LP) licensees with a Family Foodservice (FFS) term and condition may permit minors accompanied by a parent or guardian in their establishments until 10:00 p.m.

New Policy

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the provincial state of emergency and the Provincial Health Officer's September 18, 2020 order prohibiting the sale of liquor in food and liquor serving premises after 10:00 p.m., the General Manager (GM) is putting in place a time-limited measure to support LP licensees with a FFS term and condition.

The GM of the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) is amending the FFS term and condition to temporarily authorize LP licensees to permit minors accompanied by a parent or guardian in the service area beyond 10:00 p.m.

This new policy is effective immediately and is only applicable as long as the provincial health order that prohibits the service of liquor in food and liquor serving premises after 10:00 p.m. remains in effect. LP licensees do not need to submit an application to change their FFS term and condition.

Note: This temporary measure does not override any additional requirements or limitations placed on a business by a local government or First Nation with jurisdiction in the area in which the establishment operates. In addition, this temporary policy is also subject to any other orders made by the Provincial Health Officer.

Explanation

This new time-limited policy is intended to help mitigate the associated negative economic impacts of the pandemic on LP licensees.

The GM is satisfied that it is not contrary to the public interest to temporarily permit minors accompanied by a parent or guardian to remain in a LP establishment beyond 10:00 p.m. while the provincial health order prohibits liquor service at food and liquor serving premises after 10:00 p.m. remains in effect.

Further Information

Further information regarding liquor and cannabis control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the LCRB website at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/liquorregulationandlicensing>

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 250 952-5787 if calling from the Victoria area.

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Original signed by

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