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Greetings BCL/BBL clients, partners, collaborators, supporters, and friends:

You have likely been inundated with COVID-19 related emails, but we wanted to reach out to you as well. BCL/BBL is closing its offices effective March 17, 2020, until further notice; however, we are doing all we can to ensure that the services we provide will not suffer any interruptions. Staff will be working full time from home, where we can be reached by email and phone, and can arrange conference calls or Zoom meetings to keep the mission moving forward.

We recognize that some of our clients may find their businesses struggling as the city virtually shuts down and people practice social distancing in an effort to protect everyone's health. So please reach out to us if that is the case and we will do everything we can to work with you and help you through this difficult time.

For general questions, feel free to contact us as follows:

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Sources of updated information about COVID-19 include:

[Baltimore City Health Department](#)
[Maryland Department of Health](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
[Johns Hopkins Medicine](#)

As we come across articles, tips and ideas about supporting small businesses dealing with the impact of COVID-19 we will share them through social media in order to keep the conversation going. One idea may spark another. And we really are all in this together.

Sincerely,

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