

Bulletin – COVID-19 Agent Reporting Requirements

To: Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers licensed

pursuant to 935 CMR 500.000 and 935 CMR 501.000

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Subject: COVID-19 Agent Reporting

The Cannabis Control Commission (the "Commission") issues this Bulletin to all Marijuana Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (collectively, the "licensees") to clarify requirements regarding COVID-19 Agent Reporting.

The Commission's <u>Amended Administrative Order Allowing Curbside Operations</u> requires licensees to monitor and comply with all Commission-issued guidelines and bulletins. Consistent with 935 CMR 500.105(1)(r) and 935 CMR 501.105(1)(r), licensees must have and follow written operating procedures promoting workplace safety, which includes protocols addressing COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Licensee COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures should include reports to the Commission of any instance of an employee work-related illness resulting in a confirmed COVID-19 case immediately after obtaining actual knowledge of a confirmed case, but in no event later than twenty-four (24) hours. Licensees are to report this information using the <u>Agent COVID-19 Reporting Form</u> on the Commission website.

The Commission has learned that licensees are unclear about the meaning of "employee work-related illness" for purposes of reporting agents who have tested positive for COVID-19. Licensees are advised that the term "work-related illness" means an illness that affects an employee or workplace, or that poses a risk of transmission between employees or within the workplace. The phrase "work-related illness" does not mean "work-caused illness." In order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the Commission expects licensees to report all cases in which a Marijuana Establishment or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Agent tests positive for COVID-19.

Further information regarding COVID-19 and agent reporting can be found on the <u>Commission</u> webpage dedicated to <u>COVID-19</u>. Licensees are also advised and encouraged to consult the Commonwealth's <u>guidance for businesses</u>. Licensees may also direct questions about this Bulletin to their assigned Investigator or Compliance Officer, or to <u>Inspections@CCCMass.com</u>.

