

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND
INTEGRATIVE THERAPY**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Open Period for Submission of Letter of Intent to Submit Application for Medical
Marijuana Testing Laboratory Registration**

Pursuant to 22-C DCMR § 5401.1, applications for new testing laboratory registrations shall only be accepted by the Director during the open application period as specified by the Director by published Notice in the D.C. Register; such period shall not be extended. Pursuant to 22-C DCMR § 5401.2, prior to the submission of a formal application for a new testing laboratory registration, the prospective applicant shall submit a Letter of Intent to the Director or a designee. The Director shall only accept Letters of Intent during the time period specified by the Director by Notice in the D. C. Register; such period shall not be extended. The purpose of the Letter of Intent is to formally notify the Director that an application for a testing laboratory registration will be forthcoming.

Letters of Intent shall be submitted only by completing the Letter of Intent Form posted on the Division of Medical Marijuana and Integrative Therapy Webpage <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/medical-marijuana-and-integrative-therapy>. No other format is acceptable. Letters of Intent for a testing laboratory will be received beginning Monday, January 20, 2020 at 9:00 am and ending Friday February 21, 2020 at 12:00 pm EST. Letters should be addressed to: DC Division of Medical Marijuana and Integrative Therapy, 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20002, Attention: Arian R. Gibson. Letters should be submitted in a manner to ensure a dated, signed receipt.

In accordance with 22-C DCMR § 5200.3, **the number of testing laboratories registered to operate in the District of Columbia shall not exceed two (2)**. Only the individuals and entities that submit timely Letters of Intent to the Director, meeting the requirements set forth in the regulations, shall be permitted to submit an application for a testing laboratory registration. Regardless of the number of applications submitted, the number of registrations issued shall not exceed two (2). Pursuant to 22-C DCMR § 5401.8, an applicant may apply for more than one (1) testing laboratory registration.

The United States Congress has determined that marijuana is a controlled substance and has placed marijuana in Schedule I of the Controlled Substance Act. Growing, distributing, and possessing marijuana in any capacity, other than part of a federally authorized research program, is a violation of federal laws. The District of Columbia's law authorizing the District's medical marijuana program will not excuse any person from any violation of the federal laws governing marijuana or authorize any registrant to violate federal laws.