

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Notice of Open Application Period
for two (2) Medical Marijuana Testing Laboratory Facilities**

Pursuant to 22-C DCMR § 5401.1, applications for a new medical marijuana testing laboratory facility 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. This period shall not be extended.

Pursuant to 22-C DCMR § 5401.5, at the start of each open application period, the Director shall publish a notice in the D.C. Register setting forth the process for submission of applications for a new dispensary registration.

The Director hereby gives notice of the Open Application Period for two (2) medical marijuana testing laboratory facilities, and sets for the process for submission of applications as follows:

1. Applications shall only be accepted from individuals and entities that:
 - a. Timely submitted a Letter of Intent pursuant to the Public Notice for Submission of Letters of Intent published in the D.C. Register on January 17, 2020; and
 - b. Received a written notice from the Department of Health of eligibility to submit an application for a medical marijuana testing laboratory facility (“Letter of Acceptance”). All Letters of Acceptance were mailed between July 7, 2020 and July 14, 2020. If you didn’t receive a letter, please contact <http://doh.dc.gov/mmp>.
2. Applications shall be submitted beginning Monday, July 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and ending Friday, September 25, 2020 at NOON Eastern Time.
3. Applications shall be submitted in hardcopy to the Department of Health Medical Marijuana and Integrative Therapy Division (MMIT), 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20002 or electronically by email to doh.mmp@dc.gov. It is your responsibility to submit in a manner to ensure confirmation of delivery with a date and time stamp.
4. Application forms and instructions are available on the MMIT website at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/medical-marijuana-and-integrative-therapy>. If you have trouble accessing the application, please contact doh.mmp@dc.gov.
5. You will not be allowed to amend, add to, correct, revise or supplement your application after it has been submitted. Therefore, each applicant is strongly encouraged to read the regulations carefully before submitting an application.

6. Applicants applying for a medical marijuana testing laboratory facility registration must pay an application fee of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) at the time of application submission. If selected, no applicant will be granted more than one (1) medical marijuana testing laboratory facility registration. **All application fees are nonrefundable.**
7. Only two (2) medical marijuana testing laboratory facility registrations will be issued. **All application fees are nonrefundable.**
8. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:** The selection process is set forth in the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations at 22-C DCMR § Chapters 51-54.
 - a. No matter how many applications are submitted, only the individuals or entities applying for a medical marijuana testing laboratory facility that receive the highest and second highest scores among all of the applicants will be selected to receive one (1) of the two (2) available medical marijuana testing laboratory facility registrations.
 - b. **All application fees are nonrefundable.** No portion of the \$3,500.00 application fee will be returned to you if you are not selected to receive a registration.

Applicants must **e-mail** all written questions or requests for clarification regarding this announcement or the application process to doh.mmp@dc.gov with “**MMP-LAB Question**” in the subject line. Questions and responses will be posted on the Department’s Medical Marijuana Program website: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/medical-marijuana-and-integrative-therapy>. Questions will not be answered on an individual basis. The Department may decide not to answer a question. Applicants should also monitor the Department’s Medical Marijuana Program [website](#) for questions/responses and other information about the Program. **Phone inquiries will not be accepted.**

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 as a 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.