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Emergency Order Requiring Physical Distancing Measures and the Use of Face Coverings

Linthicum, MD – The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (the “Commission” or “MMCC”) is issuing this bulletin to alert licensees of the impact of the Executive Order issued on April 15, 2020. The Commission previously issued [Bulletin 2020-005](#), [Bulletin 2020-006](#), [Bulletin 2020-007](#), and [Bulletin 2020-008](#) to advise licensees, agents, patients, caregivers, and providers on regulatory requirements and operational best practices at licensed facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pursuant to Executive Order 20-04-15-01, beginning at 7:00 a.m. on April 18, 2020:

1. Any customer – patients, caregivers, and visitors – over the age of nine are required to wear face coverings while inside a retail establishment, including a dispensary.
2. All employees are required to wear face coverings while working in areas open to the public. For dispensaries, this includes any service or waiting areas.
3. Dispensaries should continue to enforce physical distancing measures outlined in [Bulletin 2020-008](#), and if possible, must:
 - a. Indicate where any line is expected to form, and designate spacing to ensure individuals are standing at least six feet apart.
 - b. Maintain clean restrooms stocked with soap or hand sanitizer, and allow staff to wash their hands at least once every 30 minutes.
 - c. Post a sign at each entrance indicating that all customers are required to wear a face covering prior to entering the establishment.

The Executive Order has defined a face covering as anything that fully covers a person’s mouth and nose, such as a scarf, bandana, or other non-medical-grade mask. Medical-grade masks should be reserved for medical personnel, to the extent possible.

Please direct any questions to enforcement.mmcc@maryland.gov.