
Bulletin – Manufacturing of Hand Sanitizer During COVID-19 (“Coronavirus”) State of Emergency

To: Licensed Product Manufacturers and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers
From: Shawn Collins, Executive Director
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Subject: Manufacturing of Hand Sanitizer During COVID-19 (“Coronavirus”) State of Emergency

On March 10, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker declared a [State of Emergency](#) (“Order”) in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”). On March 23, 2020, the Department of Public Health (DPH) announced a [further order](#) permitting Massachusetts Marijuana Product Manufacturers and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MTC) licensed by the Cannabis Control Commission (Commission) to perform non-sterile compounding of alcohol-based hand sanitizers. The Commission is providing this bulletin to all Massachusetts Marijuana Product Manufacturers and MTCs for information and assistance. This bulletin supplements and updates the Commission’s bulletins issued [March 23, 2020](#), [March 20, 2020](#), [March 18, 2020](#), and [March 13, 2020](#).

Marijuana Product Manufacturers and MTCs licensed by the Commission may manufacture hand sanitizers in accordance with the DPH order and in compliance with Food and Drug Administration’s [guidance](#) and the World Health Organization’s [Guide to Local Production](#). To the extent that Marijuana Product Manufacturers and MTCs may have concerns about compliance with these requirements, they are encouraged to consult DPH and/or the Board of Registration in Pharmacy.

The Commission recommends that any Marijuana Product Manufacturers and MTCs utilize video or telephonic consultation to engage a licensed pharmacist or, should on-site consultation be required, review and comply with the Commission’s regulations relative to visitors.



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