

## Memorandum

**To:** Medical Marijuana Program Patients **From:** Cannabis Control Commission

Date: September 25, 2019

**Subject:** Public Health Emergency and Temporary Ban on Vaping Products

On September 24, 2019, Governor Charles D. Baker declared a public health emergency, and the Commissioner of Public Health issued a temporary ban on the sale of all vaping products, including devices and cartridges. Cartridges, vaping accessories and devices, and refills for cartridges must be removed from stores and not sold for four months, until January 25, 2020. This announcement is informed by Federal and state actions, including a Centers for Disease Control health advisory and Massachusetts Department of Public Health clinical advisory. Please note that other cannabis products, which do not rely on vaporization or aerosolization, will continue to be sold at Medical Marijuana Treatment Facilities and Marijuana Establishments across the Commonwealth.

If your certifying doctor or clinician recommended vaping as the method for your treatment, please be in direct contact with your certifying doctor or clinician for advice on an alternative method during the course of this order.

For general questions related to the enforcement of the emergency order, contact the Department of Public Health's Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program (MTCP) at 617-624-5900.

