
Memorandum

To: Medical Marijuana Program Certifying Clinicians
From: Cannabis Control Commission
Date: September 25, 2019
Subject: Public Health Emergency and Temporary Ban on Vaping Products

You are receiving this mailing as you are registered as a certifying clinician with the Massachusetts Medical Marijuana Program and this is the email address submitted with your registration application.

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 was 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.

To comply with the Administration's order, the Commission will recommend to licensees that, along with removing vaporizer cartridges and products from shelves, that they may voluntarily quarantine vaping products.

If you recommend or have recommended vaping to the patients whom you certify, please be advised of this public health emergency and order for a temporary ban on all vaping products. As a result of this order, you may also receive increased communications from patients whom you certify inquiring about other methods of consumption of medical cannabis 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.

