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## Memorandum

To: Registered Dispensaries  
From: Jeffrey Wallin, Director  
RE: Marijuana Dispensary Operations  
Date: 03/20/2020

Due to the current outbreak of COVID-19 across the nation the following temporary modifications to Vermont Marijuana Registry (VMR) rules, policies, and procedures have been put in place effective today. These measures are being authorized to encourage social distancing for both patients and dispensary staff, follow developing best practices, and allow qualified patients continued access to products.

### **Patient Delivery**

Dispensaries may deliver cannabis products to qualified patients and caregivers in a vehicle parked in the dispensary parking lot. The vehicle should be within view of the dispensary or a security camera to allow necessary monitoring. Dispensary staff delivering in this manner are required to verify patient or caregiver registry identification cards during each transaction. Products must also be transported from the dispensary building to the vehicle in a secure, locked container.

### **Registry Identification Cards**

Registry identification card expiration dates for current patients, caregivers, and dispensary staff (including employees, financiers, principals, etc.) have had been temporarily extended for 90 days. This step is undertaken to minimize disruption to patient access and allow increased processing time by VMR staff. Affected individuals should continue to pursue card renewal to minimize any future disruption.

Please contact the VMR with any questions concerning these modifications or other dispensary operating protocols.