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MEDICAL MARIJUANA INFORMATION BULLETIN 2019-05

Subject: Implementation of Governor's Executive Order to Address Vaping Crisis and Ban Flavored Vaping Products

The Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) has adopted [temporary administrative rules](#), in accordance with the [Governor's Executive Order No. 19-09](#), banning the sale of flavored medical cannabinoid vaping products for 180 days. The Oregon Health Authority has also adopted temporary administrative rules banning the sale of flavored nicotine vaping products.

The ban is effective October 15, 2019 until April 11, 2020.

How do the temporary rules effect OMMP?

The adopted temporary rules prevent the sale, transfer, and production of flavored vaping products. Beginning on October 15, 2019:

- A registered medical marijuana dispensary may not sell, offer for sale, or transfer any cannabinoid vaping product containing a flavor, other than cannabis, or a non-marijuana terpene.
- A registered medical marijuana processing site may not:
 - Make a cannabinoid vapor product that contains a flavor, other than cannabis, or a non-marijuana terpene.
 - Transfer a cannabinoid vapor product that contains a flavor, other than cannabis, or a non-marijuana terpene to a patient or designated caregiver.

A "flavor" is defined as an artificial or naturally-occurring substance that contains a taste or smell, other than the taste or smell of cannabis, that is distinguishable by an ordinary individual either prior to or during the inhalation of the product, including, but not limited to, any taste or smell relating to chocolate, coffee, cocoa, menthol, mint, wintergreen, vanilla, honey, coconut, licorice, nuts, fruit, or any candy, dessert, alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage, herb, or spice, or any concept flavor. A terpene or terpenoid derived from a source other than marijuana is included in this ban.

The ban on flavored vaping products does not include marijuana derived terpenes added to marijuana vaping products.

Information for OMMP Patients

People who experience symptoms of the illness after using vaping products, such as shortness of breath, cough or chest pain, should immediately seek medical attention.

OMMP patients with concerns about what products to use for their condition should consult their primary care provider. OMMP cannot give advice on what products patients should use.

Resources for those who need help quitting vaping cannabis or nicotine may be found at the following:

- 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669), <http://www.quitnow.net/Oregon>
- Español: 855-DEJALO-YA (855-335356-92), <https://www.quitnow.net/oregonsp/>
- <http://www.thisisquitting.com/> or text DITCHJUUL to 88709 (text-based resource for youth and young adults to quit vaping)
- SAMHSA national help line (substances other than nicotine): 800-662-HELP