



MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM

MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Statement on Medical Cannabis Hold 12.21.23

To protect the health and safety of medical cannabis patients, an administrative hold has been placed on a large number of medical cannabis products until retesting can be conducted to ensure the various products meet regulatory standards. The Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program is taking swift action to address the situation, with retesting being done as quickly as possible.

The Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program is committed to upholding the highest standards of product quality and patient safety. Please know that the MMCP is working diligently to resolve this matter and will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available. As retesting yields results that are within regulatory standards, administrative holds will be lifted with products being made available again through licensed medical cannabis dispensaries. Patients should stay in contact with their dispensary to see what products are available.

UPDATE as of 12.27.23 to "Statement on Medical Cannabis Hold 12.21.23"

JACKSON, Miss. - The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) continues an administrative hold on a large number of medical cannabis products until retesting can be completed. The administrative hold impacts only a portion of the medical cannabis products available throughout the state. The specific circumstances leading to the hold remain under investigation by MSDH, but the retesting is to validate results related to the use of pesticides and presence of mycotoxins. There are no reports of illnesses related to the impacted products.

MSDH is overseeing the retesting of the medical cannabis products. Retesting is being conducted in licensed medical cannabis testing facilities with validated testing methods in place and approved by MSDH. Retesting is being prioritized based on the type/category of medical cannabis products. For example, cannabis flower/bud will be tested first because it serves as the base for many of the products, followed by concentrates and infused products. As batches of products are cleared, they will be removed from the hold, and be back on the market. Patients are encouraged to contact dispensaries to see what products are available.

The Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program (MMCP) remains committed to upholding patient safety throughout this process.

"Through the state's seed to sale tracking system, the agency can isolate the batch and lot numbers associated with this administrative hold and expedite the retesting. The tracking system is an invaluable tool to assist with regulatory compliance and overall product safety," said Laura Goodson, Director of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program.

The Mississippi State Department of Health issued the initial hold on December 21, 2023.