

NOTICE REGARDING TEMPORARY CANNABIS EVENTS

Please be aware that lawful participation by bureau licensees in any temporary cannabis event that allows sales and/or consumption is dependent upon issuance of the appropriate licenses from the bureau. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, §§ 5600 and 5601.)

All participants involved in on-site sales of cannabis goods at a temporary cannabis event must either be a licensed retailer or a licensed microbusiness authorized to conduct retail sales. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 16, § 5602.)

Any bureau licensee participating in an unlicensed cannabis event may be subject to disciplinary action.

Qualified patients and the designated caregivers of qualified patients that continue

to operate collectively or cooperatively without a state cannabis license are not subject to certain state criminal sanctions based solely on their cultivation or manufacturing of cannabis for medicinal purposes pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11362.775, until the section is repealed on Jan. 9, 2019. However, nothing in section 11362.775 expressly authorizes "collectives" or "cooperatives" to participate in cannabis events, commonly known as "Proposition 215" events, where cannabis is sold and/or consumed. Participation in such events may lead to civil penalties for unlicensed commercial cannabis activity, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 26038.

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Cannabis Event Organizer License

- Cannabis events can only be held by a person who has been issued a cannabis event organizer license by the Bureau.
- This is an annual license, with fees based on the number of events organized by the licensee per year.
- The cannabis event organizer is not authorized to cultivate, distribute, manufacture, or sell cannabis
 or cannabis products unless the organizer also holds a separate license to engage in such
 commercial cannabis activities.

State Temporary Cannabis Event License

- To obtain a temporary cannabis event license, the cannabis event organizer licensee must submit an application to the Bureau at least 60 days before the first day of the cannabis event.
- A temporary cannabis event license will not be issued for more than four consecutive days.
- Cannabis events must be held at a county fair or district agricultural association event.
- Each cannabis event must be issued a separate temporary cannabis event license by the Bureau for the specific date(s) and location of the event.
- Written approval from the local jurisdiction authorizing on-site cannabis sales and consumption by persons age 21 and older at the event is required for all temporary cannabis events.
- The organizer will be required to provide to the Bureau a list of all licensees providing on-site sales at the event.

Cannabis Event Sales and Consumption

All temporary cannabis event sales must adhere to the rules and requirements for on-site sales and consumption of cannabis goods:

- All cannabis goods shall be transported to the event site by a licensed distributor.
- All cannabis goods must be tested prior to retail sale.
- Only a licensed retailer or microbusiness licensed to sell cannabis goods to retail customers can sell at a temporary cannabis event.
- All cannabis goods shall adhere to retailer requirements pertaining to displays, exit packaging, customer returns, daily sales limits, and free samples.
- All cannabis goods sales at the event must be limited to persons 21 years of age and older.
- Access to the area where cannabis consumption is allowed shall be restricted to persons 21 years of age and older and shall not be visible from any public place or non-age-restricted area.
- Consumption of alcohol or tobacco shall not be allowed on the cannabis event premises.
- Payment to a cannabis event organizer may not be determined based on, or tied to, the sale
 of cannabis goods.

