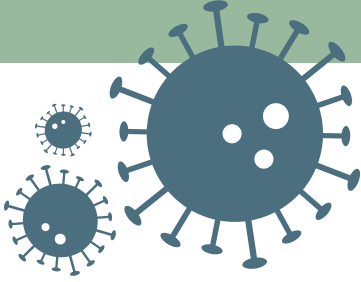


# CANNABIS PRODUCT SAFETY DURING COVID-19

## USE GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES IN YOUR FACILITY



The Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch regulations require manufacturers to create procedures for and implement Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) within cannabis manufacturing facilities. The use of GMPs is an essential tool to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Below is a reminder of key GMP requirements and recommended preventative measures.



### • Wash hands frequently

- Consider creating a schedule for when and how often employees should wash hands.
- Follow the CDC's 5 Steps for Handwashing: Wet hands. Lather with soap. Scrub for at least 20 seconds. Rinse. Dry.
- **Avoid touching your face**
- **Wear clean outer clothes**

## PERSONNEL HYGIENE



### • Encourage employees to stay home if sick

- Follow your written procedures for how employees will report health conditions, including symptoms of COVID-19, to their supervisors.
- **Prevent contamination**
  - Exclude employees with uncontrolled discharge from work areas.
  - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow, and wash your hands after.

## EMPLOYEE HEALTH



### • Cleaning and sanitizing

- Follow your standard operating procedures for cleaning surfaces, including product work surfaces, utensils and equipment.
- Consider increasing the frequency of surface cleaning.

## EQUIPMENT AND SURFACES



**The illnesses that pose the greatest risk for product contamination are: Norovirus, Hepatitis A virus, Salmonella typhi/spp., Shigella spp., and E coli.**

- Update and share your Disease Control Plan with your employees.
- Instruct employees to report any of these high-risk illnesses to their supervisors immediately and exclude them from work areas.

## STAY INFORMED USING RELIABLE SOURCES

### Stay aware of the latest news from your government and health officials

- Monitor the news for the latest public health directives to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Be responsive to local, state and national guidance for businesses.
- Here is a list of local, state and federal websites where you can find reliable health information:

[California Department of Public Health](#)

[California COVID-19 Response](#)

[California Cannabis Portal](#)

[Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch](#)

