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March 18, 2020

To: The Honorable Supervisors of Mendocino County  
From: Mendocino Cannabis Alliance  
Re: Shelter-in-Place and Essential Businesses

We recommend the following language to be included in any shelter-in-place order to accomplish this goal, both clarifying that cannabis businesses are essential healthcare operations, and limiting cannabis retail to curbside pickup or delivery.

*“For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services at any “Healthcare Operations” including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, licensed cannabis businesses, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. “Healthcare Operations” also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. “Healthcare Operations” does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar. Licensed cannabis retail facilities/dispensaries shall operate only via curbside pickup or delivery.”*

We also recommend that the order includes language adopted in all other counties that designates the supply chains for essential businesses as also being essential.

[Essential businesses include]:

*“Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate.”*

Like other essential businesses under these orders, cannabis businesses should be required to follow Social Distancing measures and to take all possible public health precautions during their operation.

Thank you for your continued leadership in these challenging times.

Sincerely,  
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***The Mendocino Cannabis Alliance serves and promotes Mendocino County’s world-renowned cannabis cultivators and businesses through sustainable economic development, education and public policy initiatives.***