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PREVENTION VOICES WA

POLICY PRIORITY: 2020-2021

Prevent the LCB
Temporary
Allowances due to
COVID-19 from
becoming
permanent.

Read for more:

https://lcb.wa.gov/covid19/covid-19_update


2020-2021

COVID-19 RELATED CHANGES TO ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA RULES

CHANGES TO MARIJUANA RULES AND CONCERNS

Curbside Pick-up

Licensed retailers have permission to sell marijuana curbside to customers provided certain restrictions are met. (e.g. no drive-thru windows, ID checks)

 Concerns with fidelity of ID checks


Minors Allowed to Frequent Licensed Marijuana Business

Licensed producers and processors can bring children or grandchildren under age 16 to work. Children may not engage in any business-related activity.

 Few other essential businesses allow children to work with employee

 Possible safety hazard to child from industry machinery and farm equipment

 Possible lack of supervision and increased access to product

 May create an environment that contributes to the perception that marijuana is harmless for youth

Marijuana Sale from Building Window

Licensed retailers can sell from a pass-through window provided certain restrictions are met. (e.g. ID checks, video coverage of sale, windows are already present)

 Concerns with fidelity of ID checks

CHANGES TO ALCOHOL RULES AND CONCERNS


Minors Allowed to Frequent Previously Restricted Areas

Licensees can bring children or grandchildren under age 16 to work provided certain restrictions are met. Children may not engage in any business-related activity.

 Few other essential businesses allow children to go to work with employee


 Possible safety hazard to child from industry machinery


 Possible lack of supervision and increased access to product

 May create an environment that contributes to the perception that alcohol is harmless for youth

Alcohol Deliveries and Curbside Pick-up

Licensees can make curbside and/or delivery sales of alcohol provided certain restrictions are met.

 Concerns with fidelity of ID checks

 Concerns of increased drinking while driving

BACKGROUND

In response to the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order, the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) made adjustments and allowances to marijuana and alcohol regulations to comply with social distancing requirements.

CONSEQUENCES

Industry leaders as well as State decision-makers are advocating for these changes to be made permanent.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN

We understand the desire for action that provides economic relief, but these changes increase the access and availability of harmful substances, including to youth.

WE KNOW

→ Minors easily evade virtual ID checks. In a 2012 study, 28% of alcohol deliveries to minors were rejected due to age verification (Williams).

→ Easy access paired with a low perception of harm often translates to increased youth substance use rates.



Prevention Voices in WA

Advocacy Brown Bag Lunch Series

NOVEMBER 5
12-12:30pm

**Conducting
Advocacy Prior to the
Start of Session**

NOVEMBER 18
12-12:30pm

**Conducting
Advocacy During
Session**

DECEMBER 2
12-12:30pm

**Dirty Work:
Analyzing a bill**

GET INVOLVED

Meet with your legislator before or during session.



Participate in LCB Rulemaking Sessions (TBD).



Educate your community.

These allowances may be good for the local economy—educate about youth use and perception of harm.



Send a letter to your legislator before or during session.



Report stories from your local community to be used during legislative activities.



Activities range depending on your capacity. We're here to support you!

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WE CAN
move
mountains

