Understanding Cannabis Testing Requirements & Results in Maine

Cannabis Testing Requirements

Adult use cannabis in Maine undergoes mandatory testing for the following contaminants:

- Filth and foreign materials; dangerous molds and mildews; harmful microbes; water activity; heavy metals; residual solvents; and pesticides. THC potency, homogeneity, and cannabinoid profile tests are also required.

Medical cannabis in Maine is *not* subjected to mandatory testing. However, some medical caregivers and dispensaries voluntarily test their medical cannabis products.

Validating Voluntary Testing

If you want to know if your medical cannabis was voluntarily tested, ask questions of your budtender or caregiver. Examples include:

- Is this medical cannabis tested?
- What harmful contaminants was this medical cannabis tested for?
- What testing facility tested these products?

If the cannabis ***is*** tested, ask to see the "Certificate of Analysis" or "COA" for the cannabis you are thinking of purchasing.

If the cannabis ***is not*** tested, consider seeking medical cannabis products that are tested for harmful contaminants.

Certified Testing Facilities

The CDC and OCP have certified and licensed four testing facilities in Maine: CATLab, MCR Labs, Nelson Analytical, and Nova Analytic Labs. These are the only labs certified by the Maine CDC to test cannabis.

What is a COA?

A COA is a report prepared by a certified testing facility showing the tests performed on an item and their results.

What can you find on a COA?

You can find a number of details on a COA, including:

- The testing/report **date**;
- The **item type** tested, which should be the same type of item you are thinking of purchasing;
- The **person/business name,** which should match the person/ business who made or is selling the product; and
- The **test results,** which indicate for each group of tests whether the sample passed or failed.

Additional Resources

OCP recently held an event that shared resources about cannabis contaminants, testing, COAs, and more. Access these resources at **https://bit.ly/3rBU5If**.