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Dear Adult Use Cannabis Program Participants,

The Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) is pleased to share that it has developed a training video that demonstrates how to take a representative sample from a batch of cannabis flower or trim for mandatory testing. This step-by-step training is now available for program participants to watch on [OCP's YouTube channel](#) or on the OCP website under "[Resource Library](#)."

To further help licensees navigate the sample collection process, Metrc is adding new functionality to the platform that will remind Maine adult use licensees what minimum sample size is needed for a lab sample to conduct mandatory tests. This feature will be made available to licensees on **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**. In the meantime, licensees can review [this Metrc bulletin](#) to see how the new functionality for minimum lab sample sizes will work within Metrc. Please note that this functionality will be available for all item categories *except* for raw and infused pre-rolls, which will be available at a later date this year.

Metrc has been working to add new functionality to the platform for Maine adult use licensees pursuant to the state's adult use inventory tracking system contract with Metrc that took effect on February 4, 2026. Another new feature, which will help licensees determine what (if any) mandatory lab tests are needed for a given package at any stage in the system, continues to be under development and is expected to become available to licensees in the coming months.

As previously communicated, most recently on [June 29, 2026](#), the new contract with Metrc also increases monthly user fees for adult use licensees by \$5.00 per month. However, **those fee increases will not go into effect** until the mandatory lab test feature is made available to users later this year. OCP will continue to provide updates on the implementation and timing of these changes to ensure that licensees have at least two weeks to prepare for monthly user fee increases.

Lastly, the Office encourages licensees to review the "[Metrc Resources](#)" page on the OCP website to access various Metrc resources, trainings, and tools designed to help users gain a better understanding of the inventory tracking system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Hudak'.

John Hudak
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