Denver Department of Public Health & Environment

7 Divisions
- Office of the Medical Examiner
- Denver Animal Protection
- Environmental Quality
- Community Health
- Public Health Inspections
- Behavioral Health
- Sustainability

Public Health Inspections
- 2 Sections
  - Food Safety & Marijuana
  - Healthy Families
  - Healthy Homes

Establishments
- Food Service & MJ
- Child care facilities
- Residential health
- Noise
- Lead
- Body art establishments
- Pools
- Boarding homes
Marijuana Business Licenses

Denver has 10 distinct Marijuana Licenses

Currently, Denver has ~1,100 licenses operating out of ~500 unique locations.

**RETAIL**
- Stores
- Cultivation
- Infused Products (MIP)
- Testing Facility

**MEDICAL**
- Centers
- Cultivation
- Infused Products (MIP)
- Testing Facility

**BOTH**
- Social Consumption
- Transport
Challenges

- **Equipment**
  - No standards

- **Hemp Derived Products**
  - Big regulatory gaps

- **Shelf Stability**
  - *Clostridium botulinum* concerns

- **Pesticides**
  - Numerous recalls

- **Added Ingredients**
  - Safe to inhale?

- **No Federal Oversight**
  - No GMPs, guidance, research, precedents
Nuisance Odor

DRMC Chapter 4

- Marijuana Growing
- Marijuana Processing
- Marijuana Manufacturing

DDPHE Rules and Regs

- Approved Odor Control Plan
- Certified by a PE or CIH
Waste Management

Hazardous Waste
- Spent Light Blubs
- Spent Light Ballasts

Housekeeping
- Hazardous Materials Storage
- Wastewater Management
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LA County at a Glance

- 85 Contract Cities
- 124 Unincorporated communities
- 4000 Square Miles
- Over 10 million people
- One of the most culturally diverse counties in the nation
LA County EH at a glance

- 47 Programs
- > 900 Employees
- Approx. 350,000 inspections
- Approx. $80 million budget
History

• On December 19, 2017 --- Board approved Cannabis Ordinance only addressing Public Health’s Role in cannabis facilities

• Received one time funding from the County to establish a Cannabis Compliance and Enforcement Program for up to 15 FTEs
  ➢ Ensure permitted cannabis facilities are in compliance with the State and local laws and regulations
  ➢ Work with the Cities to develop workflows
  ➢ Consult with cannabis operators to address questions and concerns
Approvals

• **Dual Licensure**: Approval from both State and local agencies

• **Local Power**: Cities and counties can choose to ban commercial cannabis businesses, or to allow, regulate and tax them

• **Los Angeles County**: Commercial cannabis business are banned in unincorporated areas

• **Cities**: Currently, there are 18 Cities within Los Angeles County allowing some form of cannabis business