

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT EACH VISIT TO LEAFLINE LABS?

In the first month or two of your treatment, follow-up appointments are usually approximately 30 minutes. In these consults, we will discuss your progress, use, and any adverse reactions. Our pharmacists will work with you to make any changes necessary during these appointments. Additional return consults are available anytime you desire to make changes to your current dosing. Otherwise, you can call to request a refill for the date you want to pick up your medication. We do not charge for consults with a pharmacist.

CAN I TRAVEL WITH THIS MEDICATION?

It is legal to travel with Medical Cannabis within Minnesota only. We advise that you store your medications in their original packaging for easy identification. The medication label on your LeafLine medication bottle serves as your Medical Cannabis card and needs to be with the product at all times. Traveling out-of-state or flying with Medical Cannabis is not legal in Minnesota or elsewhere.

CAN I DRIVE WHILE TAKING THIS MEDICATION?

State Law prohibits operating, navigating, or being in actual physical control of any motor vehicle, aircraft, train, or motorboat, or working on transportation property, equipment, or facilities while under the influence of medical cannabis. Minnesota statutes do not objectively define “under the influence” of Medical Cannabis but many other well-established state laws similarly consider “under the influence” as an impairment of mental or physical faculties to a degree that one’s ability to think and act with ordinary care is reduced. We recommend the safest solution: to avoid taking your Medical Cannabis if you will be operating a motor vehicle of any kind.

WHAT SIDE EFFECTS COULD I EXPECT TO SEE?

Side effects can be different depending on what medication (Tangerine, Heather, Cobalt) is being taken, what form of the medication is being used, and what other medicines or foods a person has ingested.

Normal side effects can include: Dry mouth, light-headedness, fatigue, dizziness, nausea, euphoria (a sense of wellbeing and happiness), increased appetite, and an increased heart rate. Vaporized forms may cause some throat burning sensation in some patients. Oral sprays and tinctures may cause some prickling or burning sensation in the mouth. These are not dangerous symptoms and occur because of the cannabinoids in the medication. Less common side effects could include anxious mood, insomnia, paranoia, dysphoria (an odd sense of discomfort) and changes in bowel movements.

WHY DOES MY MEDICATION SEEM TO BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT COLOR FROM LOT TO LOT? WHY IS IT GREEN-YELLOW?

Our medication is a carefully formulated botanical extract. We extract the “whole-plant” in order to keep vital terpenes and minor cannabinoids present as they were once in the live, pure plant. A natural green to yellow coloring from the original plants’ chlorophylls, oils and terpenes will always remain as we strive to keep all the medically relevant components of the whole plant in our medicine. Live plants, even under our strictly controlled growing environments, show some slight variation from plant to plant and batch to batch. Any variations within minor plant components (terpenes/waxes/lipids) may alter the color and thickness of the extract from batch to batch, but it does not change the THC or CBD amount that we formulate to and it does not affect efficacy.

HOW SHOULD I STORE MY MEDICAL CANNABIS ONCE I GET HOME?

Cannabis products are sensitive to heat and light. They should be stored upright in their original container out of direct sunlight, in a cool place. They should be stored at room temperature in a safe location where children or unauthorized adults cannot access them.

CAN I REUSE MY SYRINGES?

We provide new syringes for administering our oral suspensions. They are designed to be reused for a limited time. It is ok to leave the small amount of residual oil in the syringe tip after use. This keeps air or water from getting in the syringe. We also recommend wiping the tip of the syringe with an alcohol swab before and after use. If you wash your syringe after use, make certain that it is COMPLETELY dry before using it again. If any water or contaminate is accidentally put into the suspension, it can spoil. Be careful not to ever inject anything back into the suspension bottle.

DOES MY MEDICATION EXPIRE?

Our expiration date is listed as one year from manufacturing, and is listed on the back of your bottle. The expiration is based on our initial stability data and existing data from the pharmaceutical and cannabis industries, as it relates to oil based botanical cannabinoid medications. This date is only valid when the medication is stored as listed above.

ARE THERE RULES ABOUT WHERE I CAN AND CAN'T USE MEDICAL CANNABIS?

The label (or copy of label) on the medication bottle serves as your cannabis card. The patient and registered caregivers or guardians will have their name on the label, and that makes it legal for those individuals to carry the medication on them. Only the patient can use the medication.

Medication can only be used within Minnesota state lines. It cannot be used or carried onto federal grounds such as courthouses, post offices, airports, correctional facilities, or national parks, as well as within 1,000 feet of any school building, on school busses and vans, or child care facilities and in-home daycares.

Vaping is not allowed in public places, on public transportation, while driving or operating machinery, and anywhere vapor could be inhaled by a child who is not a patient.

WILL MY INSURANCE PAY FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS? WHY CAN'T I USE A CREDIT CARD TO PAY FOR MY MEDICATION?

Medical insurance companies operate under multiple federal guidelines and receive much of their money from federal programs like Medicare and Medicaid. Since medical cannabis is currently only legal in the state but classified as a federally illegal substance, medical insurance typically will not will cover it. Some Workman's Comp insurers in the state are starting to cover Medical Cannabis, however.

Credit cards, which are owned by banks that are Federally regulated, will not typically process payments for medical cannabis. We do accept cash and ATM cards. We can run your ATM card through our mini-ATM machine managed by an independent banking partner familiar with the medical cannabis industry. Like most ATM machines, the ATM vendor charges a fee for this service and will show up as an ATM charge on your bank account. You also may accrue additional transactional charges from your bank for using an outside ATM.

CAN I STILL USE MY OWN MARIJUANA WITH MEDICAL CANNABIS?

The use of cannabis products other than those supplied by the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Program is not allowed, is illegal, and may result in patient being disqualified from the program by MDH/OMC. Using Medical Cannabis at the same time as an untested, non-standard cannabis product can be dangerous for multiple reasons. The main dangers to consider are: increased side effects from the combination, serious adverse events related to contaminants or synthetic cannabinoids added to the recreational cannabis, and legal trouble related to illegal drug use.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MINNESOTA CANNABIS PROGRAM?

LeafLine Labs website can be located at www.leaflinelabs.com.

The Minnesota Department of Health website <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/cannabis/index.html> also contains information for patients, parents/legal guardians, caregivers, health care practitioners, as well as the laws and rules of the program, news about the cannabis program, data and statistics, instructions how to create your registry login, and printable materials and forms.