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New Queens dispensary offers high-end cannabis products and more

Queens residents can now experience high-end cannabis products and exceptional customer service with the opening of Bayside Cannabis Dispensary.

Located at 224-15 Union Tpke. in Oakland Gardens, the new premium dispensary transformed three vacant storefronts into a spacious, modern outlet in the heart of the community.

"When you walk into Bayside Cannabis Dispensary, it is a beautiful large marble floor. There's space, you don't feel overcrowded. You don't feel like you're potentially walking into a place that might sell drugs. There's a clear distinction that this is a nice high-end dispensary," remarked Cannabis Marketing Strategist Stephen Gold.

This store has been two years in the making but is now welcoming customers for 12 hours a day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day of the week.

One of the store's main goals is to be welcoming and helpful to Oakland Gardens' primarily older demographic.

"We find that we are helping a crowd that is coming in, and it's their first time experiencing cannabis, and our response is always that this space is extremely welcoming," Gold added.

The owners are from Queens and are eager to ensure that this store can be heavily involved in the community, just like they are.

They are in the early stages of planning community events and initiatives to give back, aiming to show locals that they are community members dedicated to delivering top-notch service.



Bayside Cannabis Dispensary has officially opened its doors*

The spacious store offers convenient parking, a team of knowledgeable staff ready to assist with any customer needs, and has already garnered five-star reviews online.

Multiple cannabis options are available in the store, and they are divided into the following categories: Flower, Pre-Rolls, Edibles, VapORIZERS, Concentrates, Topicals, Tinctures, Accessories, Merch, and CBD.

There is an option to sign up for the dispensary's loyalty program, which will provide exclusive discounts and rewards.

The dispensary also offers advice on food and drink pairings with various strains of cannabis to provide their customers with a unique level of hospitality that allows them to enhance their own experi-

ences.

The owners of Bayside Cannabis Dispensary applied to get their license through the social equity CAURD (Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary) program, which gave individuals impacted by the criminalization of marijuana priority in entering the legal cannabis industry.

Last week, the New York State Cannabis Control Board (CCB) held its monthly public meeting, at which it approved 125 new adult-use cannabis licenses, bringing the total to 1,311. This includes 217 CAURD licenses, 54% of which are held by social and economic equity (SBE) licensees.

Additionally, The Board, in collaboration with the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) deter-



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Bayside Cannabis Dispensary wants to provide customers with outstanding service.

mined that provisional CAURD licenses would be extended for an additional six months before expiration.

"OCM's commitment to building an equitable and active cannabis market in New York goes beyond regulation—it's about fostering an environment that gives all licensees the opportunity to succeed," said Felicia A.B. Reid, OCM's Acting Executive Director.

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Seed-to-Sale tracking system for cannabis industry launched

On Nov. 18, the New York State Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) announced the launch of a Seed-to-Sale (STS) Tracking System to enhance oversight and transparency in the state's cannabis industry.

The new system requires all cannabis licensees to

use an electronic inventory system integrated with the NY STS Tracking System, known as BioTrack. This initiative ensures comprehensive monitoring of cannabis products, from the planting stage to final sale, to secure the integrity of supply chains for both adult-use and medical cannabis sectors.

To support compliance during the rollout,

the OCM will fund up to \$250,000 in inventory tag purchases for cultivators, processors, and microbusinesses. These tags serve as unique identifiers, maintaining traceability across all stages, including cultivation, processing, packaging, laboratory testing, and retail sales.

Permitted laboratories will also be required to submit product testing data directly to BioTrack, creating an integrated flow of information. This feature enhances transparency and ensures products meet state standards before reaching consumers.

"The implementation of the Seed-to-Sale tracking system is a pivotal moment in the evolution of New

York's cannabis industry. This initiative upholds our commitment to transparency, accountability, and public trust," said Felicia A.B. Reid, acting OCM executive director. "By ensuring traceability at every stage of the supply chain, we are not only bolstering compliance but also ensuring that both medical and adult-use consumers benefit from a regulated and secure market."

Mandated by Section 78 of the Cannabis Law, licensees must report data to the OCM through the BioTrack Application Programming Interface (API).

By Jan. 17, 2025, all licensees are required to have a third-party inventory tracking system compati-

ble with the NY-API.

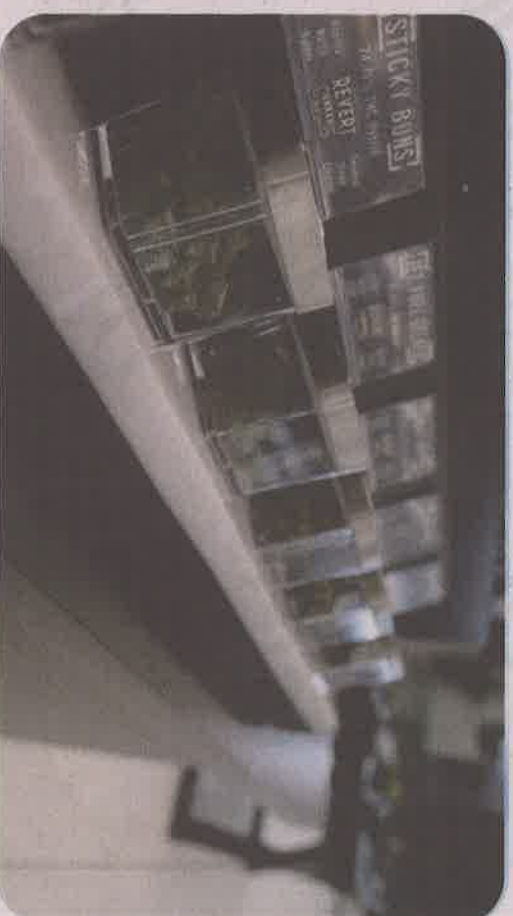
The OCM has committed to sharing additional information on the logistics and

timeframe for full system integration.

For further details about the NY STS Tracking Sys-

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IN GOOD CANNABIS

Cannabis Control Board Green-lights 125 new licenses

The New York State Cannabis Control Board (CCB) approved 125 additional adult-use cannabis licenses during its monthly meeting in New York City on Nov. 13.

In a move to bolster the state's cannabis industry, the board also extended provisional Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary (CAURD) licenses by six months before their expiration. The extension aims to provide licensees with additional support to become fully operational.

"OCM's commitment to building an equitable and active cannabis market in New York goes beyond regulation—it's about fostering an environment that gives all licensees the opportunity to succeed," said Felicia

A.B. Reid, acting executive director of the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM).

New York's cannabis market continues to gain momentum, with cumulative sales exceeding \$800 million. Weekly sales reached \$24.3 million in early November, with annual revenues nearing \$1 billion, highlighting the sector's rapid growth.

The latest approvals bring the total number of adult-use cannabis licenses in the state to 1,311, including 217 CAURD licenses. Over half of these licenses, 54%, are held by Social and Economic Equity (SEE) applicants, reflecting the state's dedication to fostering inclusivity in the market. Of the 1,094 licenses is-



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sued in 2024, 587 were granted to SEE applicants. These included 28 Community Disproportionately Impacted Applicants, 39 distressed farmers, 222 minority-owned businesses, 42 service-disabled veterans, and

256 women-owned businesses.

SEE applicants also made up 61% of the cohort approved at the recent meeting, with 76 of the 124 new licenses going to SEE applicants. Currently, 229 legal can-

nabis dispensaries are operating across New York State.

Medical cannabis expansion efforts

The OCM also highlighted ongoing efforts to expand access to medical cannabis. Since 2016, the state has worked to address accessibility challenges faced by 40% of active medical cannabis users.

As part of this initiative, the CCB approved four new Registered Organization (RO) licenses to join the Medical Cannabis Program, focusing on underserved regions.

"Bolstering medical cannabis access is essential for making sure patients all across New York can get the care they need," said

Tremaine Wright, CCB chairperson. "By approving this latest batch of ROs, we are opening up more opportunities to improve access, quality and innovation."

Processor Type 3 Branding License

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