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# News Release

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## GN ready for cannabis legalization

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 12, 2018)** – The Government of Nunavut (GN) today outlined the major changes and impacts of the upcoming cannabis legalization, to ensure Nunavummiut are aware of all the implications ahead of October 17.

A one-year non-exclusive agreement was signed between the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission (NULC) and Canopy Growth, allowing for the sale of cannabis products directly to Nunavummiut. Canopy committed to making at least 500 kg of cannabis available for sale in Nunavut over the next year. Online orders can be placed at [www.tweed.com](http://www.tweed.com), as of October 17.

“Nunavummiut who wish to use cannabis will have access to a legal, controlled supply, and the NULC and Canopy are committed to providing access in a responsible way through online store purchases,” said Minister responsible for the Liquor and Cannabis Commission George Hickes.

Starting October 17, Nunavummiut aged 19 and older can legally buy, possess and consume cannabis. Possession limits will be 30 grams on your person and 150 grams in your home. Providing cannabis to minors, including your own children, is a federal crime. Driving under the influence (while high) is illegal.

The legislation on smoking tobacco and consuming cannabis in public places has changed. The buffer zone around most work places and public places where goods and services are provided has increased from three to nine meters.

Additionally, you cannot smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes or consume cannabis in any form within nine metres of the following properties lines: schools; the grounds of a hospital, health centre, or public health office; the grounds of a place where child day care services are provided for money; a playground; an arena, sports or playing field; and any concert, feast, or other public event.



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Consuming cannabis comes with health risks for consumers, their families, friends and communities. Nunavummiut can read all about the health effects of cannabis on the Department of Health’s cannabis resource [here](#).

“It’s essential that Nunavummiut have access to information and services that allow them to make informed decisions on their health and well-being.” said Minister of Health, George Hickes. “I encourage everyone to know the facts and health risks associated with recreational cannabis before making a decision.”

For more information, go to: [www.NULC.ca](http://www.NULC.ca).

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