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Contaminants in IL marijuana—Chicago Sun-Times investigation

Illinois consumers still can't be certain that... legal weed they buy from state-licensed dispensaries is free from excessive levels of contaminants such as mold, yeast and bacteria, testing commissioned by the Chicago Sun-Times found. Most samples failed the tests, even though the reporters said that Illinois has stricter requirements than many other states.

MacRae, the cannabis consulting firm owner, says pre-rolled joints are especially susceptible to becoming contaminated. He calls such products "rolled mold" and suspects that the rolling process causes the contamination.

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Legal weed testing: Illinois marijuana regulation

What's in your weed? Sometimes excessive levels of contaminants — and not always the promised potency.

Illinois cannabis regulation: moldy weed but no consumer alert or recall, secret investigations.

Tainted marijuana's possible health effects.

Why cannabis that failed Illinois' state-mandated testing flunked.

A consumer guide to getting and understanding the "nutrition labels" for legal weed — which dispensaries make tough to get.

How we tested legal weed and investigated why some marijuana never makes it to dispensary shelves.

Delays in minority marijuana businesses

... But on the retail side, Cook County Judge Moshe Jacobius has ordered all 185 dispensary licenses held up indefinitely while he decides the fate of lawsuits by a few firms challenging the fairness and constitutionality of the process.

... **The key to helping minority investors survive**, speakers said, **is to immediately increase their allowed growing space** from 5,000 square feet to at least 14,000 square feet.

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Craft marijuana applicants fighting court injunction

Cannabis license applicants and Illinois officials are scrambling to change a court order after a judge prohibited the state from issuing up to 60 new craft grower licenses that were due out by Dec. 21.

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IL weed tax tops \$560M--Here's where the money goes

The state's collections since early 2020 now outpace that raised from booze sales. The money has been used on everything from buying an opioid reversal drug to funding a Girl Scouts program to fight human trafficking. [Read](#)

Study suggests marijuana may interfere with sleep

Participants who said they had used marijuana in the previous 30 days were 34% more likely to report not getting enough sleep and 56% more likely to report getting too much sleep. [Read](#)

Rash of marijuana robberies threaten survival of CA businesses

A spate of violent robberies targeting marijuana businesses in the San Francisco Bay Area last month have thrown into question the survival of several small businesses, with the combined losses of those operators estimated to be at least \$5 million.

The crimes ranged from break-ins that resulted in minor damage to, in some instances, wild gunfights between criminals and security guards, according to media reports and sources. "I was safer, and had more money, (selling) on the street, illegally." [Read](#)

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