



# MARIJUANA DISPENSARY PROXIMITY REQUIREMENTS

Proximity requirements refer to the required distance between sensitive land uses and/or dispensaries. These requirements have been used to reduce the number of alcohol or tobacco outlets and can do the same for marijuana outlets.<sup>1</sup>

According to O.C.G.A. 16-12-200, medical dispensaries must be 1,000 ft from public/private schools, childcare centers, and places of worship.<sup>2</sup>

Local policymakers can draft an ordinance expanding this distance. Additional “sensitive land use” areas may also be added. See Back

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Methods to measure the distance:<sup>3</sup>

- Straight line from one location to another.
- By roads to travel from one location to another.
- From property line to property line.
- Building to building? To the main entrance of the building?



Consider adding the following to “sensitive land use” conditions:

- Parks and playgrounds
- Substance use treatment or recovery facilities
- Residential neighborhoods
- Housing Authority properties

Distance requirements between dispensaries can help reduce clustering.<sup>4</sup>

## MORE INFORMATION



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