



## **Consumer Advisory for Spider Mite-Affected Cannabis Products from Titan Health, LLC**

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The Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE) advises consumers and the cannabis industry of marijuana flower (bud/shake/trim) potentially contaminated with spider mites produced and sold by Titan Health, LLC d/b/a 'Uherbs.'

During a DDPHE investigation, a spider mite infestation was observed in portions of the cultivation facility affecting medical and recreational marijuana plants. While Titan Health, LLC d/b/a 'Uherbs' has represented that it took measures to remediate the infestation, it did not provide DDPHE with foreign material testing results that would show whether the final product contains any spider mites, spider mite remnants, frass (excrement), or spider mite eggs. Furthermore, there is no currently approved test conducted by cannabis labs in Colorado that assesses for the presence of spider mite web and frass (excrement) contaminants. As such, DDPHE cannot conclude that the measures taken by the business eliminated the spider mite contamination from the final product. Due to a district court ordered receivership, DDPHE lacks authority to order disposal of the affected product without permission from the court, and the business has indicated they have sold the affected marijuana before DDPHE could obtain such approval. While some of the products sold by Titan Health, LLC d/b/a 'Uherbs' may not be affected by spider mites, DDPHE is unable to discern and advise on specific batches that are not affected.

Recreational marijuana plant material originating from Titan Health LLC's cultivation facility bears a label with OPC code 403R-00808. Medical marijuana plant material originating from Titan Health LLC's cultivation facility bears a label with a OPC code 403-00395. Both medical and recreational plants were observed infested by spider mites during the investigation.

The short- and long-term health effects of ingesting cannabis plant material affected by spider mite infestation have not been studied and are currently unknown. However, studies surrounding exposure to spider mites have indicated a potential increased risk of symptoms of asthma, rhinitis, or other respiratory illnesses.

DDPHE conducted an investigation after receiving a complaint of a spider mite infestation at the cultivation facility. There have been no reports of illness or adverse health reactions to date. Short-term and long-term health impacts resulting from inhalation exposure to spider mite contaminants may depend on the duration, frequency, level of exposure, route of exposure, and health condition of the consumer. Consumers with concerns about their personal health should contact their physician with related questions. If consumers experience adverse health effects from consuming cannabis products from

Titan Health, d/b/a 'Uherbs', they should seek medical attention and report the event to the Marijuana Enforcement Division and DDPHE.

DDPHE conducts inspections of cannabis product cultivation, manufacturers, and retail locations in Denver and investigates related complaints. The Department strives to protect the health and wellbeing of consumers by continually assessing data, industry best practices, and emerging technologies surrounding the cannabis industry.

Consumers or businesses with questions or concerns relating to contaminants in cannabis products are encouraged to contact DDPHE's Public Health Investigations Division at [phicomments@denvergov.org](mailto:phicomments@denvergov.org) or 720-913-1311.