

## **Empower Clinics Daily Patient Count Continues at Record Pace with Medical Cannabis Certifications Deemed an Essential Service**

*Empower Clinics adapts operational processes to manage continued record patient counts during COVID-19 outbreak*

**VANCOUVER, BC / ACCESSWIRE / March 18, 2020 / EMPOWER CLINICS INC.** (CSE: CBDT) (OTC: EPWCF) (Frankfurt 8EC) ("**Empower**" or the "**Company**"), a vertically integrated and growth-oriented life sciences company, announces that patient visits in corporate clinics continue at record pace, with patients demonstrating an even greater need for plant-based medicine, as the impact of COVID-19 becomes more pervasive.

"The coronavirus crisis is impacting all aspects of our lives, but our clinics remain incredibly busy, as patients show how important their medical cannabis treatment options are to manage increased levels of anxiety, stress, chronic pain and PTSD" said Steven McAuley, Chairman & CEO of Empower. "We had to quickly adapt clinic operating procedures to ensure optimum safety for employees and patients, updated cleaning and sanitation protocols, and provided extensive new communications to our team and patients."

The State's of Arizona and Oregon have declared a State of Emergency over the novel coronavirus outbreak therefore, as a medical service provider, Empowers corporate medical clinics are considered an essential service and are not subject to certain mandated closures.

The Company has made changes to clinic operations and patient management based on the most recent recommendations from the (CDC) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and their guidance for healthcare facilities.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/guidance-hcf.html>

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### **ABOUT EMPOWER**

Empower is a vertically-integrated health & wellness brand with it's first hemp-derived CBD extraction facility under development, the Company produces its proprietary line of cannabidiol (CBD) based products and distributes products through company owned and franchised clinics, with wholesale partnerships, online channels and with new retail opportunities nationwide in the U.S. The company is a leading multi-state operator of a network of physician-staffed wellness clinics, focused on helping patients improve and protect their health, through innovative physician recommended treatment options. The company has commenced activity on how to connect its significant data, to the potential of the efficacy of alternative treatment options related to hemp-derived cannabidiol (CBD) therapies.

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