C3RN News Summary – Monday, February 11, 2019

Research

1. A study done on people entering residential treatment for substance abuse concludes that “substance use predicts depression among individuals without cannabis dependence,” and “opioid users may especially benefit from treating both depression and substance use.” [Feb 5]

[More...](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0376871619300377)

2. A study done on the effects of cannabis use on HIV finds that “in HIV-infected participants, daily or weekly marijuana…was associated with increased risk of infectious pulmonary diagnoses and self-reported chronic bronchitis after adjusting for tobacco smoking…and other risk factors” and that “These associations with marijuana were not statistically significant in HIV-uninfected individuals with similar demographic characteristics.” [Feb 7th] [(University of Washington, WA)]

[More...](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/eclinm/article/PIIS2589-5370(19)30018-5/fulltext)

Industry News

1. Dr. Jeremy Boucher who received PTSD therapy training from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Center for PTSD stated when considering cannabis treatments for veteran’s with PTSD that “while the military certainly is a huge focus for novel PTSD treatments, the groups we forget regularity are children, victims of domestic abuse, first responders, and especially rape victims” [Feb 9th]

[More...](https://news.weedmaps.com/2019/02/study-non-heterosexual-women-more-likely-to-exhibit-ptsd-use-cannabis/)

2. John Boehner (R-Ohio) has been names honorary chairman of the National Cannabis Roundtable which has been established Friday (Feb 8th) to lobby for pro-marijuana policy.

[More...](https://thehill.com/business-a-lobbying/business-a-lobbying/429141-boehner-to-lead-new-lobbying-group-for-cannabis)

3. A cannabis dispensary in Acton MA has been served with a cease and dismiss order by the Cannabis Control Commission citing 12 violations after unannounced inspections. [Feb 8]

[More...](https://www.newcannabisventures.com/massachusetts-cannabis-control-commission-forces-wellspring-to-cease-operations-while-it-addresses-violations/)