

Lowell Tobacco Control Monthly Report

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Inspections

Twenty-six routine inspections have been conducted this month so far. There have been mostly signage violations and a few minor cigar pricing violations. All violations have been corrected before leaving the premises.

Pricing Surveys

I conducted pricing surveys at 11 establishments this month

Compliance Checks

Compliance checks have been conducted at 50 establishments so far this month. The following 8 establishments sold tobacco to a minor:

Lucky Corner 1300 Gorham St.	Ticket issued: \$100
Discount Valley 121 Church St.	Ticket issued: \$100
Simon's Convenience & Deli 137 Andover St.	Ticket issued: \$100
Gold Oil Co./Citgo 626 Rogers St.	Ticket issued: \$100
Yim's Variety Store 742 Broadway	Ticket issued: \$100
4 M's Variety 271 School St.	Ticket issued: \$100
7-Eleven 33097A 55 Chelmsford St/	Ticket issued: \$100
Rt. 110 Mart 137 Andover St	Ticket issued: \$200

None of the tickets above have been paid yet.

Firms Stop Sales of Kid-Friendly E-Cigarette Liquids

Please see attached article.

Firms stop kid-friendly packaged e-cigarette liquids sales after FDA push

Reuters Staff

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(Reuters) - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said on Thursday that all 17 companies that were warned by the regulator have stopped marketing e-cigarette liquids packaged similar to child-friendly products such as juice boxes, candy or cookies.



FILE PHOTO - Packages of flavored liquids for e-cigarettes are seen displayed at a smoke shop in New York City, New York, U.S., May 1, 2018. REUTERS/Mike Segar

The warning in May was a part of the FDA's sweeping actions taken to prevent sales of tobacco products to kids.

"Even as we encourage the innovation of novel and potentially less harmful products such as e-cigarettes for currently addicted adult smokers, we're committed to holding industry accountable to ensure these products aren't being marketed to, sold to, or used by kids," FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said in a statement [here](#) on Thursday.

E-cigarettes are handheld electronic devices that vaporize an "e-liquid" fluid typically including nicotine and a flavor component. They have been grabbing market share away from traditional tobacco companies, and are available in different flavors.

More than 2 million middle- and high-school students were current users of e-cigarettes in 2016, despite evidence that youth exposure to nicotine affects brain development, making them more susceptible to nicotine addiction in future.

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