

Lowell Tobacco Control Monthly Report

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Inspections

Twenty-three routine inspections have been conducted this month so far. There have been mostly signage violations. I've noticed an increase in the number of drug accessories and cannabis-related products such as CBD (cannabidiol) at retail stores.

Pricing Surveys

I've conducted pricing surveys at 14 establishments this month, so far.

Compliance Checks

I've recruited 2 kids in Lawrence and will be setting their training this week. I'm also waiting for the consent forms from 4 Lowell kids who were referred by LHS. Compliance checks to resume soon.

7-Eleven 33097A - 55 Chelmsford St – Ticket Upheld

The Lowell District Court held a clerk-magistrate hearing on 3/11/19 and decided to uphold the \$100 ticket issued to the above-referenced store. The manager was ordered to pay the fine within 30 days or risk a criminal complaint for nonpayment.

New Vape Store to Open

The owner of Yaya Cigars and Vapes plans on opening up another vape store in the city. He didn't give me more details, but he'll be submitting a new application soon.

Kick Butts Day

I'll be attending the yearly event at the state house on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. This is an opportunity for youth to meet with legislators and talk about tobacco-related issues. This year there'll be a focus on vaping and vape products.

Menthol Tobacco Products

Cities and towns are beginning to adopt regulations restricting the sale of menthol-flavored tobacco products. Somerville, Needham and Ashland have done it, but there are others in the process.