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¡Importante! Por favor haga traducir este aviso inmediatamente.	[Spanish]
Importante! Fate tradurre questo avviso immediatamente.	[Italian]
Prè inpòtan! Fè tradui nòt sa a tousuit.	[Haitian Creole]
Important! Faites traduire cet avis immédiatement.	[French]
Importante! Mande traduzir este aviso imediatamente.	[Portugese]
QUAN TRỌNG ! CẦN DỊCH CÁO THỊ NÀY LIỀN	[Vietnamese]
重要！請立刻將本通知翻譯成中文。	[Chinese]
ສຳຄັນ ! ຈົ່ງຮີບແປ ການປະກາດນີ້ ໂດຍດ່ວນ	[Laotian]
Երկրորդ. այս յայտարարությունը անվիշտապէս թարգմանել տուէք:	[Armenian]
Προσοχή! Δώστε να σας μεταφράσουν αμέσως αυτή την ανακοίνωση.	[Greek]
សំខាន់! សូមបកប្រែនៅការប្រកាសនេះជាបន្ទាន់	[Cambodian]

September 25, 2019

Dear Tobacco Retailer:

On September 24, 2019, Governor Charles D. Baker declared a public health emergency in the Commonwealth due to severe lung disease associated with the use of e-cigarettes and vaping products, and the epidemic of e-cigarette use among youth. Pursuant to the Governor’s Declaration and with the approval of the Governor and the Public Health Council, the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Monica Bharel, MD, MPH, issued an Order to temporarily prohibit the sale and public display of all vaping products in retail establishments, online, and by any other means in Massachusetts.

In order to comply with this order, you must immediately stop the sale of all vaping products and must remove all vaping products from public display.

What products are prohibited from sale and display?

- All non-flavored and flavored vaping products, including mint and menthol; and products used to vape tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and any other cannabinoid
- Vape products are any products intended for human consumption by inhalation, regardless of nicotine content, whether for one-time use or reusable, that relies on vaporization or aerosolization, including but not limited to e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pens, hookah pens, and other similar devices that rely on vaporization or aerosolization. This includes any component, part, or accessory of these products or devices, such as batteries, e-liquids, e-pods, e-cartridges, etc., even if sold separately.

When will retailers be able to sell vape products again?

- The Commissioner’s Order is effective immediately. The Order is in effect until January 25, 2020 and may be extended.

What will happen if retailers don’t comply with this Order?

This rule may be enforced by state and local officials and failure to comply may result in fines, seizure of vape products or other penalties. If you have questions, please visit: www.mass.gov/guides/vaping-public-health-emergency#-information-for-providers or contact the Lowell Tobacco Control Program at (978)674-1073.

Sincerely,


Cesar Pungirum, Tobacco Control Director

Enclosure: Commissioner’s Order