

NRT order

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

On September 24, 2019, Governor Charles D. Baker issued a declaration that a public health emergency exists 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. For the reasons set forth in the declaration, in addition to evidence and facts presented at the Public Health Council meeting, and in consideration of the on-going federal and state investigation, I, with the approval of the Governor and the Public Health Council pursuant to M.G.L. c. 17 §2A, issue the following Order:

Over-the-counter (OTC) products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the sale of or use as tobacco cessation products and marketed and sold exclusively for the approved purpose may be made available pursuant to a standing order.

This Order takes effect immediately and shall remain in effect through January 25, 2020, unless extended with the approval of the Governor and the Public Health Council, or until the declared public health emergency is terminated or the Order is otherwise rescinded by me, whichever happens first.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Monica Bharel, MD, MPH, Commissioner
Department of Public Health

Sept 24 2019
Date