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To Whom It May Concern,

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. The Commissioner of Public Health Monica Bharel, MD, MPH, has issued an Order pursuant to M.G.L. c.17, §2A, effective **immediately**:

“The sale or display of all vaping products to consumers in retail establishments, online, and through any other means, including all non-flavored and flavored vaping products, including mint and menthol, including tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and any other cannabinoid, is **prohibited** in the Commonwealth.”

This ban is in effect until January 25, 2020, or until the declared public health emergency is terminated, or the Order is rescinded. For clarification:

“Vaping products” means: 1. Any product 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-cigarillos, e-pipes, e-vaping product delivery pens, hookah pens, and any other similar devices that rely on vaporization or aerosolization; and 2. Any component, part, or accessory of a product or device, even if sold separately.”

Due to the temporary nature of the ban, these products do not need to be destroyed but must be stored away from the sales area. Pursuant to M.G.L. c.111, §31 any person or entity found in violation of this order will be subject to maximum fines and may include suspension of Tobacco permitting. If you have any questions regarding this order, please contact the Board of Health.

Sincerely Yours,

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