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Subject: 10 NYCRR, Part 9 Prohibited Substances - Emergency Regulations Adopted
Attachments: Commissioner Letter to Retailers.pdf; NYS Department of Health Required Sign.jpg

Importance: High

Albany County School Nurses,

For your information, new amendments to regulations in New York State (Part 9 of the New York State Sanitary Code) that require signage warning against the dangers of illegal e-cigarette and e-liquid products have been enacted. These emergency regulations were adopted to protect public health in response to the increasing number of people that have suffered injury or died from severe respiratory illness associated with vaping. Effective September 12, 2019, any business that offers e-cigarettes or e-liquids for sale, must post the attached New York State Department of Health published sign in a conspicuous place.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to public health.

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September 12, 2019

Dear NYS Retailers of e-cigarettes or e-liquids:

On September 12, 2019, the Public Health and Health Planning Council approved amendments to regulations in New York State (Part 9 of the New York State Sanitary Code) that require signage warning against the dangers of illegal e-cigarette and e-liquid products. These emergency regulations were adopted to protect public health in response to the increasing number of people that have suffered injury or died from severe respiratory illness associated with vaping.

Effective September 12, 2019, any business that offers e-cigarettes or e-liquids for sale, must post the attached NYS Department of Health published sign in a conspicuous place. By requiring the posting of this sign, the NYS Department of Health expects that consumers will become more educated about the risks associated with vaping.

Currently, there is a nationwide outbreak of severe lung disease associated with vaping, and the NYS Department of Health is engaged in an educational campaign to warn people against the potential risks associated with these products.

For additional information about NYS actions related to the rise of vaping-associated illness, please visit the NYS Department of Health's website at:
https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/tobacco_control/campaign/e-cigarettes/

Questions regarding these new regulations may be directed to the New York State Department of Health at: ceh.replies@health.ny.gov .

Sincerely,

Howard Zucker M.D.

Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D.

Attachment (1):
NYS Department of Health Required Sign

VAPING CAN EXPOSE YOU TO TOXIC CHEMICALS AND KILL YOU!

A nicotine-free vape is not a worry-free vape!

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