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2020 FACTS AND STATS

Compliance Grade:
A
June 2020

According to Idaho Code 39-5701, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare must inspect each business that sells tobacco to ensure that it does not sell tobacco to minors.

How well did Idaho Tobacco Retailers comply with the law?

- 172 Tobacco Retailers were inspected.*
- 7 Tobacco Retailers sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for June 2020 was

95.93%

WELL DONE!

*Non-minor Exempt Inspections where purchase attempts were made.

FRONTLINE WORKERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW), Division of Behavioral Health, has secured the Emergency COVID-19 grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA.) This federally funded grant has allowed Idaho to provide many of its citizens with a variety of emergency services. One of the components of this grant, is the [Coronavirus Counseling Assistance for Frontline Workers \(CCAFW\)](https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Medical/Mental%20Health/frontlineworkers.pdf) program. (<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Medical/Mental%20Health/frontlineworkers.pdf>)

Idaho recognizes the stress that responding to the COVID-19 outbreak puts on its frontline workers. The stress of the COVID-19 crisis is not just one that affects your physical health, but it can also affect your mental health and your relationships. The Coronavirus Counseling Assistance for Frontline Workers program can offer you support during this difficult time.

Are Tobacco Retail Employees "Frontline" Workers?

Many assume a "Frontline Worker" only applies to medical professionals, first responders, counselors, and hospital employees. But, believe it or not, some Idaho Tobacco Retail employees may qualify for the services of the CCAFW program. Frontline workers are people who, through their employment, are experiencing secondary traumatic stress reactions to the COVID-19 pandemic. This not only includes the standard type of "Frontline Workers," but also includes people like convenience store/grocery store workers, sanitation workers, and others who have provided essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

What Type of Services Does CCAFW offer?

1. Screening and Benefit Navigation
 - This service is for people with insurance, including Medicaid. This program assists in benefit navigation and provides referrals to behavioral health resources.

2. 5-Session Professional Assistance Program

- This service is for people who do not have access to behavioral health services through their current benefits or have significant financial or other barriers to those benefits.
- The program offers up to five sessions of confidential assessment and brief solution-focused problem intervention provided by licensed, professional counselors. Sessions are offered via telehealth services or, when appropriate given social distancing measures, face-to-face. Sessions can be individual, couples, or family counseling.

Want to learn more about the CCAFW program? For more information about the program, download the [CCAFW Flyer](#) or call 1-866-536-0239.

<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Portals/0/Medical/Mental%20Health/frontlineworkers.pdf>

Permit Reminder for Idaho Tobacco Retailers

If you sell tobacco products including Vape and Electronic Smoking Devices, you are required to obtain an Idaho Tobacco Permit. These permits are not transferable. Meaning, if you sell your business, the existing permit must be inactivated, and the new owner must get their own Idaho Tobacco Permit. In addition, Idaho Tobacco Permits must be renewed annually. Annual renewal will begin October 1. Should any Idaho Tobacco Retailer have questions about their Idaho Tobacco Permit, we are always happy to help. Feel free to contact us by either the [“Contact Us”](#) link on the [TobaccoPermits.com](#) homepage or by calling us toll free at 877-641-4468. <http://www.tobacopermits.com/Idaho/>

ONE Idaho Pledge

The impacts of the Novel Coronavirus are still being felt throughout Idaho. We encourage all Idaho Tobacco Retailers to do their part to be part of the solution to keep places we work and enjoy safe. Take the [ONE Idaho Pledge](#) and commit to measures that will provide a safe workplace for employees and customers and keep Idaho moving forward together. Show your spirit of solidarity and commitment to a safer, open Idaho. Get the latest updates from Idaho’s [Official Resources for the Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) webpage. <https://one.idaho.gov/for-businesses/>; <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>



Need information on the Idaho tobacco law, training and point-of-sale resources, information about what IDs look like, a helpful quiz and game to practice when to refuse the sale of tobacco to a customer, and many other resources tailored to Idaho Tobacco Retailers? Check out our website designed just for Idaho Tobacco Retailers: Preventthesale.com/Idaho



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