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2020 FACTS AND STATS

Compliance Grade:
A
Calendar Year 2019

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?

- 1663 Tobacco Retailers were inspected.*
- 92 Tobacco Retailers sold to the inspecting minor.
- The compliance rate for the last six months was 94.47%

WELL DONE!

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

Idaho Rebounds: A COVID-19 Update

To manage the spread of Coronavirus, Idaho remains under Governor Little's Statewide Stay-Home Order until at least April 30, 2020. However, plans have been developed to reopen Idaho's economy. The Governor, along with the help of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, as well as guidance from the President and CDC, has established a data-driven approach to opening Idaho's economy.

Idaho plans to implement a staged approach to reopening. The Governor will be reevaluating the data at each of the four stages to determine when to move into the next stage. The target dates for each stage length are as follows:

- Stage One: May 1 to May 15
- Stage Two: May 16 to May 29
- Stage Three: May 30 to June 12
- Stage Four: June 13 – June 26

However, these timelines are estimates only. All criteria for each stage will need to be met before the Governor will approve moving into the next phase. This means Idaho businesses and citizens need to remain vigilant to the Governor's orders, to social distancing, to implementing adequate sanitation and personal hygiene standards, and limiting close interactions and contact.

Idaho Tobacco Retailers can learn more about the guidelines for opening up Idaho by visiting the Idaho Rebounds: Our Path to Prosperity website (<https://rebound.idaho.gov/>) or by downloading the PDF (<https://rebound.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/opening-up-guidelines.pdf>).

In addition, details on the Four Stages of Reopening and Protocols for Businesses can be found online at: <https://rebound.idaho.gov/stages-of-reopening/> and <https://rebound.idaho.gov/stage-1-protocols-for-opening/>. A PDF of the Business Protocols can be downloaded here. <https://rebound.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/protocols-stage-1.pdf>

Smoking and Vaping Can Increase COVID-19 Risks

As Idaho continues to grapple with the effects of COVID-19, researchers believe that people who smoke could be at higher risk when it comes to the Coronavirus. Why? Scientists know that smoking increases a person's risk of getting lung and chest infections in general. In addition, the hand-to-mouth action of smoking means that people who smoke are touching their face and mouth more often. These things combined leads researchers to suggest that smoking could double your risk of developing COVID-19 and could double the risk of getting sicker from COVID-19. Vaping and e-cigarette products are just as harmful as smoking in these studies. Growing evidence suggests that the aerosol from vaping devices harm the lungs at the cellular and organ levels and worsens the body's ability to fight infection. This is especially concerning since the use of vaping and e-cigarette products has increased among Idaho's youth. The use of vaping and e-cigarette products and its effects on young people is a major public health concern for Idaho especially given the devastating effects of COVID-19.

Idaho Tobacco Retailers are in a unique position to ensure that only age-eligible customers have access to tobacco products. Preventing the sale to minors will help to limit the number of Idaho youth who begin smoking or vaping and reduce their risk of serious lung infections, including COVID-19. Read more about how Smoking and Vaping Can Increase COVID-19 Risks from Idaho's Project Filter and the National Institute of Health. https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/127/2020/04/PF_COVID19_FINAL_20200417.pdf ; <https://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/noras-blog/2020/04/covid-19-potential-implications-individuals-substance-use-disorders>

COVID-19 Questions?

Idaho public health officials continue to monitor the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation very closely. For information on the number of COVID-19 cases in Idaho and additional updates on COVID-19 specific to Idaho please visit <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>. For resources and answers to your questions about COVID-19 and how it could affect you and your business visit <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/frequently-asked-questions/>, call the state's COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-330-3010, or contact your local public health district. <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/contact/>.



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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