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## **ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO MERCHANT COMPLIANCE CHECK UPDATE**

**FREDERICK, MD** – The Frederick County Health Department and its law enforcement agency partners are committed to promoting health and wellness and preventing disease and illness among youth. Two programs, the Maryland Strategic Prevention Framework - Alcohol Merchant Compliance Strategy and the Tobacco Sales Compliance Initiative, aim to reduce minors' access to alcohol and tobacco products by conducting random merchant compliance checks. Funding for these activities is provided by the Maryland Department of Health.

Underage volunteers assist in the execution of both alcohol and tobacco compliance checks. All volunteers possess their valid state-issued ID or driver's license, which is provided to every merchant who asks for identification. If the underage volunteer is asked their age by the merchant, they are required to reply truthfully. All underage volunteers are accompanied and observed by a plainclothes officer.

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Between October and December of 2018, local law enforcement agencies conducted compliance checks of alcohol merchants within Frederick County. Of the 14 alcohol businesses checked, one business sold alcohol to the underage volunteer.

The Frederick County Health Department would like to recognize the following alcohol merchants for their compliance with state laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol to minors:

Beans in the Belfry	122 W. Potomac Street, Brunswick
Bollinger's Restaurant	210 North Church Street, Thurmont
Corner Store	102 W. Potomac Street, Brunswick
Jerry's Liquors	8 Petersville Road, Brunswick
Kountry Kitchen	17 Water Street, Thurmont
Rocky's New York Pizza	205 Tippin Drive Unit 1, Thurmont
Smoketown Brewing Station	223 W. Potomac Street, Brunswick
Sheetz- Thurmont	428 North Church Street, Thurmont
Thurmont Liberty	227 North Church Street, Thurmont
Thurmont Liquors	215 Tippin Drive, Thurmont
Thurmont Bar & Grill	10 E. Main Street, Thurmont
Tri-State Liquors	96 Souder Road, Brunswick
Towne 'N' County Liquors	34 Water Street, Thurmont

The following establishment *did not* comply with the law and the violation was referred to the Frederick County Liquor Board:

Potomac Street Grill	31 E. Potomac Street, Brunswick
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During the same time period, tobacco merchants were also checked for compliance. Of the 28 tobacco merchants checked, all were found

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to be in compliance, thus, no sales to minor citations were issued.

The Frederick County Health Department would like to recognize the following tobacco merchants for their compliance with state laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors:

BP	503 W. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, Frederick
Brunswick Service Center	98 Souder Road, Brunswick
Circle K	100 Sandstone Drive, Walkersville
Corner Store	102 West Potomac Street, Brunswick
Dollar General, Store 11831	218 N. Church Street, Thurmont
Dollar General, Store 2437	1275 W. Patrick Street, Frederick
Dollar General, Store 4811	721B West Potomac Street, Brunswick
Exxon	110 Silo Hill Road, Emmitsburg
Family Dollar	86 Souder Road, Brunswick
Food Lion, Store 1162	2060 Yellow Springs Road, Frederick
Gateway Liquors	14802 N. Franklinville Road, Thurmont
Highs, Store 49	201 Frederick Road, Thurmont
Highs, Store 83	1780 Old National Pike, New Market
Jefferson Crown	4014A Mountville Road, Jefferson
Jefferson Street Service Center	242 S. Jefferson Street, Frederick
Jerry's Liquors	30 Petersville Road, Brunswick
Mirage Lounge	243 N Market Street, Frederick
Rite Aid	92 Souder Road, Brunswick
Sheetz, Store 176	3842 Burkittsville Road, Knoxville
Shell	1275 W. Patrick Street, Frederick
Sunoco	1200 W. Patrick Street, Frederick
The Hop & Vine	14 N. Market Street, Frederick
Tobacco 4 Less	120 Walkers Village Way, Walkersville
Tri State Liquors	96 Souder Road, Brunswick
Valero/7-Peaks	16603 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg
Walgreens, Store 12324	1595 Opposumtown Pike, Frederick
Walmart, Store 2756	2421 Monocacy Boulevard, Frederick
Weis	1201 Dutchmans Creek Drive, Brunswick

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For more information regarding the alcohol and tobacco merchant compliance initiatives, visit <http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/merchants> or contact the Frederick County Health Department at 301-600-1755.

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