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ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO MERCHANT COMPLIANCE CHECK UPDATE

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick County Health Department is committed to promoting health and wellness and preventing disease and illness among youth. The 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.

Tobacco and alcohol use by minors can harm their physical health and impair healthy brain development. Reducing retail access of tobacco and alcohol products to minors is one way to ensure that youth are less likely to use and become dependent on tobacco and alcohol. In 2016, the U.S Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) stated nearly 90% of current smokers began smoking before the age of 18. In addition, according to the National Institute on

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Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), individuals who start drinking before the age of 15 are 4 times more likely to meet the criteria for alcohol dependence later on in life than those who begin drinking at the legal age of 21.

Locally, 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.

Between January and March of 2019, alcohol merchant compliance checks were conducted within Frederick County. Of the 72 alcohol businesses checked, 12 businesses 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:

Attaboy Beer Co.	400 Sagner Ave. Suite 400, Frederick
Ayse Mesa Lounge	6 N. East Street, Frederick
Barnes Store	9711 Liberty Road, Frederick
Beachley's Variety Store	4602 Old Swimming Pool Rd, Frederick
Bella Trattoria	129 N. Market Street, Frederick
Blue Side Tavern	6 S. Bentz Street, Frederick
Blue Sky Bar & Grill	10519 Old National Pike, New Market
Cellar Door	5 East Church Street, Frederick
China Garden	506 West Patrick Street, Frederick
Clarion Inn Frederick	5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick

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Countyside Liquors	11717 Old National Pike, New Market
D&B Liquors	8415 K Woodsboro Pike, Walkersville
Dempsey's Grille	116 West Main Street, Middletown
Dominic's	11791 Fingerboard Rd, Monrovia
Firestones Restaurant	105 N. Market Street, Frederick
Gladchuk Brothers	489 West Patrick Street, Frederick
Grace of India	3531 John Simmons Street, Urbana
Green Valley Convenience Store	3737 Lawson Road, Ijamsville
Green Valley Wine & Spirits	11801 Fingerboard Road, Monrovia
Guido's	543 N. Market Street, Frederick
Hi-Way Liquors	6915 Baltimore National Pike, Frederick
Hootch & Banter	49 S. Market Street, Frederick
Ill Porto	200 S. Market Street, Frederick
Isabella's Tavern & Tapas Bar	44 N. Market Street, Frederick
Kemptown Grocery	12516 Fingerboard Road, Monrovia
Lazy Fish	10 E. Patrick St., Frederick
Le Parc Bistro	207 W. Patrick Street, Frederick
Lucky Corner Vietnamese Noodles	700 N. Market Street, Frederick
Magoo's Pub & Eatery	1-A W. Second Street, Frederick
Midnight Run Brewery	912 N. East Street, Frederick
Mirage Café & Grill	243 N. Market Street, Frederick
Monkey LaLa Caribbean Café	9009 Old National Pike, Frederick
Monocacy Brewing Co.	1781 N. Market St., Frederick
Morgan's American Grill	11717 Old National Pike, New Market
Myersville Exxon	9629 Myersville Rd., Myersville
New Market Beer and Wine	11670 Old National Pike, New Market
New Monrovia Mart	11791 Fingerboard Rd Suite10, Frederick
Nido	111 East Patrick Street, Frederick
Olde Mother Brewing	526 N. Market Street, Frederick
Olde Town Tavern	325 N. Market Street, Frederick
Oscar's Ale House	906 N. East Street, Frederick
P.I.G.S. BBQ	1845 Brookfield Court, Frederick
Pistarro's	221 N. East St., Frederick
Poblano Grill	2060 Yellow Springs Rd, Frederick
Red Horse	996 W. Patrick Street, Frederick
Roast House Pub	5700 Urbana Pike, Frederick
Rudy's Welding Service	3217 Old National Pike, Middletown

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Silver Diner	5120 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick
Spirits of Liberty	11339 B Liberty Road, Frederick
Surf House Island Cantina	8925 Fingerboard Rd, Urbana
Toppings Pizza Company	5330 New Design Road, Frederick
The Derby	81 W. Main Street, New Market
Trout Liquors	5108 Old National Pike, Frederick
Urbana Fuel and Treats (Exxon)	8816 Fingerboard Road, Urbana
Village Tavern	122 Walkers Village Way, Walkersville
Walkersville Bowling Lanes	44 Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville
Walkersville Wine & Spirits	128 Walkers Village Way, Walkersville
Wingstop	1031 W. Patrick Street, Frederick
Woodsboro Liquor's	601 S. Main Street, Woodsboro

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

6-10 Gas Mart	1904 Urbana Pike, Hyattstown
Cinco De Mayo	200 Middletown Pkwy, Middletown
Döner Bistro	50 Carroll Way #110, Frederick
Fountaindale Exxon	4304 Old National Pike, Middletown
Hampton Inn	1565 Opposumtown Pike, Frederick
Hilltop Convenience & Liquors	10519 Old National Pike, New Market
JR Sports Bar & Restaurant	605 S. Main Street, Woodsboro
Manhattan Pizza	3501 John Simmons St, Urbana
Orchard Restaurant	43 North Market Street, Frederick
Viet Aroma	440 Prospect Blvd., Frederick
Village Mart	8301 River Run Road, Frederick
Viniculture	20 N. Market St., Frederick

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During the same time period, tobacco merchants were also checked for compliance. Of the 18 tobacco merchants checked, 1 merchant was found to be in non-compliance for selling a tobacco product to a minor.

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:

7-Eleven	140 Frederick Road, Thurmont
7-Eleven	5703 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick
Dollar General	218 N. Church Street, Thurmont
Dollar General	5840 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick
Exxon	5870 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick
Highs	201 Frederick Road, Thurmont
Hoffman's Market	405 E. Main Street, Thurmont
MD Vapor	224 N. Church Street, Suite J, Thurmont
Royal Farms	7402 Shockley Drive, Frederick
Sheetz	428 N. Church Street, Thurmont
Sheetz	6050 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick
Shell	5498 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick
Thurmont Liberty	227 N. Church Street, Thurmont
Towne & Country Liquors	24 Water Street, Thurmont
Wawa	5440 Urbana Pike, Frederick
Wawa	5833 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick
Weis	34 Water Street, Thurmont

The following establishment *did not* comply with the law and was issued a civil citation for the sale of a tobacco product to a minor:

Food Lion	231 Tippin Drive, Thurmont
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For more information regarding the alcohol and tobacco merchant compliance initiatives, contact Todd Crum, Prevention Program Manager, at

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