

Guidance on enforcement of the DPHHS emergency rule banning the sale of flavor e-cigarette products:

A [court decision released on December 18, 2019](#) is allowing enforcement of emergency rules to temporarily restrict the sale of flavored e-cigarette products in Montana to begin Wednesday, December 18, at 1 p.m.

Citizen complaints:

- a. DPHHS has developed an online system to accept citizen complaints via the web. <https://dphhs.mt.gov/> The system will be available on the DPHHS homepage, the EVALI webpage and at tobaccofree.mt.gov starting 12/18 at 1:00pm.
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/mtupp/vapingpulmonarydisease>
<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/mtupp>
- b. DPHHS and local health departments can also accept citizen complaints via phone and email:
Phone: 1-866-787-5247
Email: ChronicDiseasePrevention@mt.gov

A person who violates any provision of the rules can be charged with a misdemeanor punishable by a term of imprisonment not to exceed 6 months and a fine of up to \$500. Each day in violation of the rules is a separate offense. DPHHS or a county attorney can also sue an individual or business to abate or restrain activity in violation of the rules, and costs and fees related to that action awarded.