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Rental assistance efforts shifting

Eviction protection measures phase out

By Kaitlyn Scoville
OSHKOSH HERALD

The nationwide Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) eviction moratorium ends this month, and locals aren't expecting much change despite an increase in rental assistance statewide.

Three moratoriums were presented during the pandemic. Gov. Tony Evers issued a three-month order from March to May, which overlapped with the CDC's first moratorium from April to July. After a spike in cases, the CDC called its second eviction order from September through December but later extended to its current deadline.

In Winnebago County during the three moratoriums, 84 evictions occurred in June – the highest in 2020. Conversely,

only four evictions were finalized in April. On average in Winnebago, most evictions happen in the summer months.

As of June 2, according to Advocap affordable housing director Lu Scheer, Wisconsin has spent more than \$30 million in the previous nine weeks on some capacity of rental assistance among 8,940 households and more than 24,000 people with paying for utilities, rent and water bills.

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Photo by Jim Koepnick

Arena action

A Chicago Breeze player gets the handle on a loose ball against the Wisconsin Glo in Sunday's game at Menominee Nation Arena. The Glo rolled to a 115-35 victory against Chicago to follow up Saturday's 93-41 season-opening win over the Detroit Dodgers.

Hemp derivatives dodge local substance controls

Low-THC Delta-8 lacks legal restrictions

By Joseph Schulz
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While marijuana remains illegal to possess and sell in Wisconsin, one form of THC is technically legal to buy and sell, which has caused concern for its lack of a universal age restriction.

That product is known as Delta-8 THC, which was made legal in the 2018 federal Agricultural Act, which removed hemp from its status as a Schedule I drug but kept Delta-9 THC – the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana – illegal.

Delta-8 is legal in Wisconsin if it was derived from the hemp plant and has a

Second of a series

Breakwater, a community coalition focused on youth and adult substance use in Winnebago County, is sponsoring a six-part series on cannabis, or marijuana, a topic gaining attention as 'cannabis culture' evolves with legalization efforts and its future impact on society.

Delta-9 THC concentration of less than 0.3 percent under current state and federal laws Controlled Substance Acts (CSA), according to a document from the Wisconsin Legislative Council.

"A substance meeting the definition of 'hemp' is legal for purpose of state and federal controlled substance laws, regard-

less of its Delta-8-THC concentration," Anne Sappenfield, director of the Wisconsin Legislative Council, wrote in a June 2020 memo. "... Delta-8 THC is legal if it meets the definition of hemp because hemp is excluded from the prohibitions in both the federal and state CSAs."

Delta-8 products being sold in Oshkosh range from smokable plant products – like traditional marijuana – to vapes and candies. Delta-8 can produce psychotropic effects, similar to cannabis impairment from Delta-9 THC.

Nick Place, a Wisconsin police officer and drug recognition expert, describes Delta-8 sales and possession as operating in a "legal gray area" that serves as a work-around to marijuana laws.

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Photo from Nick Place

Delta-8 products available in Wisconsin also come in the form of candies, such as this container of gummies.



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Delta-8 is produced by breaking down the hemp plant into cannabidiol (CBD) before then using isomerization, a molecular process of rearranging atoms, to convert CBD into Delta-8, he said.

“To the letter of the law, it’s an isomer of hemp, so it’s covered,” Place said. “That’s the argument for Delta-8 THC.”

He added that some police departments are waiting for clarification from state Attorney General Josh Kaul as to the legality of Delta-8 and prosecute for possessing and selling it because Delta-8 remains on the federal Drug Enforcement Agency’s list as a Schedule I drug.

However, Jay Selthofner, a hemp farmer and cannabis reform advocate, says there is no gray area surrounding the legality of Delta-8 in Wisconsin as long as the product was produced from hemp.

“The Legislative Council – in my eyes – has just as much, if not more, weight than the attorney general because the attorney general may approach the Legislative Council for some guidance,” he said.

In investigating Delta-8 products, Place says they cause cannabis impairment such as bloodshot and watery eyes.

“The cannabis companies are pushing for their Delta-8 products because of the psychoactive effect that these things cause,” he said. “The Pandora’s box has been opened and it’s going to be tough to close.”

Anthony Krutz, a senior employee at A-Z Tobacco & Vapor Shop, which sells Delta-8 products, says Delta-8 is much less potent than Delta-9 THC.

Krutz used to be a regular smoker of Delta-9 but switched to Delta-8 because the effects are more manageable and it helped with his anxiety, he said.

“A lot of people call Delta-8 ‘diet weed,’” Krutz said. “The Delta-8 is going to relax you and put you in more of a chill state, whereas the Delta-9 you’re usually going to be partying.”

He added that the effects of Delta-8 gummies and vape products can be more intense than the smokable plant product.

At the same time, Delta-8 doesn’t have a statewide age restriction like alcohol or tobacco products.

“It’s not licensed or regulated in the same way that other substances are, like alcohol or tobacco,” said Samantha Hilker, Winnebago County community health



Photo by Joseph Schulz

An Oshkosh convenience store has Delta-8 products inside a closed container.



Photo from Nick Place

Delta-8 products being sold in Wisconsin include vape cartridges shown here.

strategist and Drug-Free Communities coordinator for the Breakwater Drug and Alcohol Coalition. “It’s under the Department of Agriculture, so there is no age limit for purchase.”

According to Place, Wisconsin’s hemp law and CBD regulations don’t include any guidelines for selling to minors and the state doesn’t have an age limit for any THC products because marijuana is illegal to possess.

“It’s an oversight by the state,” he said. “I don’t think your average state legislator had any idea how this stuff is made. I think if they did they would have put some age restrictions on it.”

As a result, the age restriction to purchase Delta-8 products has largely been



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left up to producers and retailers.

For example, A-Z Tobacco & Vapor Shop raised the age to enter its store to 21 when the age limit to purchase tobacco products was raised from 18 to 21, Krutz said.

However, not every retailer carrying Delta-8 has done that.

“One person sent me a photo in a gas station in the Milwaukee area where the Delta-8 gummies, were up at the front counter,” Place said. “Are they controlling the sales of those gummies to minors? Probably not.”

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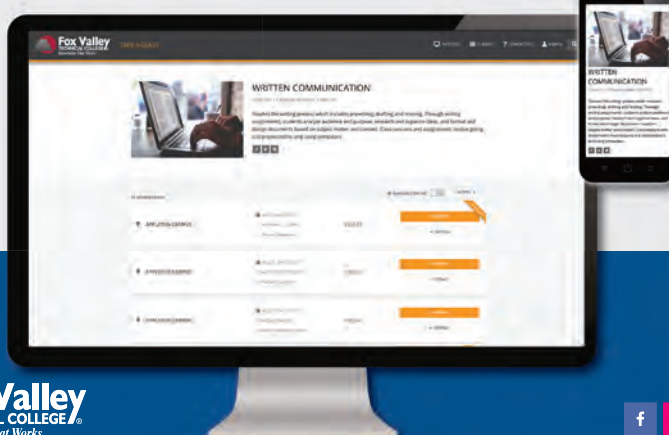
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TALK ABOUT IT

If Wisconsin were to legalize marijuana tomorrow - what would that look like in your eyes? Where would dispensaries be? How would advertising and marketing look? Where would they be allowed to promote their product?



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For more information or for references to facts on marijuana visit www.breakwaterwi.org/resources/

