

Media Placement Highlights

October 13 – November 9, 2018

Notable media placements:

Daily Herald

“Why Lake County health officials want Gurnee, Waukegan facilities investigated” – November 6, 2018

<https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20181106/why-lake-county-health-officials-want-gurnee-waukegan-facilities-investigated>

- Following a November 2, 2018 report of ethylene oxide emissions from Medline Industries Inc., in Waukegan and Vantage Specialty Chemicals Inc., in Gurnee, Lake County Health Department officials are seeking information and a meeting with the Illinois and U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies.
- ‘County health officials have been investigating since a report last week regarding ethylene oxide emissions from Medline and Vantage. The Chicago Tribune reported that emission levels at Vantage were higher than at Sterigenics, which Attorney General Lisa Madigan and DuPage County State’s Attorney Robert Berlin are seeking to shut down over pollution concerns.’
- ‘The Illinois EPA and U.S. EPA have sole jurisdiction over ethylene oxide emissions, including permitting and monitoring the facilities, [Health Department spokeswoman Hannah Goering] said.’

“Fighting the opioid crisis: Statewide program distributing pouches that safely dissolve unwanted pills” – October 30, 2018

<https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20181030/fighting-the-opioid-crisis-statewide-program-distributing-pouches-that-safely-dissolve-unwanted-pills>

- A new statewide partnership, called the Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative of Illinois (RALI), will distribute 50,000 free drug disposal pouches, called Deterra Drug Deactivation System.
- Using the pouches, people can dispose of unwanted pills by placing them in the pouches and adding water. The pouches are already sold at drugstores and places such as Walmart for approximately \$10.
- ‘The pouches are approved by the FDA, are biodegradable and are proven safe for the environment,’ said Shweta Adyanthaya, vice president of marketing and communications for the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America.
- The initiative will offer grants to groups across Illinois working on prevention and treatment of substance use. Lake County’s ‘Community – The Anti-Drug’ group will be one of the first recipients of the pouches.
- Bill Gentes of the Lake County Health Department said the pouches ‘are a step up from methods people previously used to dispose of medications in their homes. Strategies such as mixing in meds with coffee grounds or cat litter or flushing pills down the toilet can be harmful to the water supply and the environment.’

Barrington Courier-Review

“Barrington becomes latest Lake County village to raise purchasing age of tobacco products to 21” – October 23, 2018

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/barrington/news/ct-bcr-barrington-tobacco-21-ordinance-tl-1101-story.html>

- On October 22, the Barrington Board of Trustees voted unanimously to create a Tobacco 21 ordinance raising the sales age for cigarettes and other tobacco products from 18 to 21.
- ‘Led by public health officials, along with some students and educators, the grassroots effort in Lake County to raise the purchasing age of tobacco products — dubbed “Tobacco 21” — has gained momentum in recent months as a way to discourage tobacco use among teenagers.’
- Earlier in 2018, Barrington officials felt that the State should implement a policy rather than local policies being enacted. However, after Governor Rauner vetoed the State Tobacco 21 bill in August, the village changed its stance.

Total Media Placements

October 13-November 9, 2018

Press Releases Sent	2
Press Release Placements	3
Other Articles Mentioning/Quoting LCHD/CHC	21