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# News

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### **Macomb County issues emergency order for Cloud 9**

Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel and Macomb County Health Department Director/Health Officer William Ridella today issued an emergency order declaring an imminent danger to the health of residents from the synthetic drug Cloud 9. The emergency order denies retailers and individuals the ability to sell Cloud 9 and similar synthetic drugs in all of Macomb County.

There have been several dozen recent hospital emergency room admissions in Macomb County and elsewhere in southeast Michigan due to ingestion or inhalation of a product called Cloud 9, sometimes labeled as Relax or Crown. Cloud 9 contains the chemical AB-PINACA, a synthetic cannabinoid that can cause serious health effects including hallucinations, aggressive behavior, elevated heart rate, drowsiness and vomiting.

“If you are aware of anyone that has ingested or inhaled Cloud 9 or any other synthetic cannabinoid and is displaying serious health effects, call 911 or take them to an emergency room,” said Ridella. “The drug is primarily sold as a liquid in eyedropper bottles, and is often used with e-cigarettes or ‘hookah pens’.”

Residents aware of businesses and persons selling and/or repackaging Cloud 9 or similar synthetic drugs can report this information to the Macomb County Health Department at (586) 469-5235 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or leave a message after hours and on weekends. This product and other similar synthetic cannabinoid products present a danger in our community and has contributed to homicides, suicides, accidents and toxic deaths throughout the United States.

