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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Action Items

- Nominate your state or territorial tobacco control program manager to be featured as a tobacco control leader on the TCN website and in a future TCN News by reaching out to tcn@astho.org.
- See what's new on the TCN Forum! Program managers and Funders Alliance can join the [TCN Forum](#), a password-protected section of the TCN website, to engage in dialogue and share new resources with colleagues. Please see the [Forum guide](#) and [How-To video](#) for more information.

Circulating Help Your Peers Request

Outreach Addressing Youth E-Cigarette Use

Deadline: May 28

Have any health departments conducted a webinar (for substance abuse counselors, school counselors, health teachers, etc.) or provided notification letters to school districts addressing JUUL and other e-cigarette product use among youth? If so, how did you go about it? Did you find school districts were interested?

If you have any information to share or know someone who does, please reply to tcn@astho.org and we will forward your response to the person who submitted the request.

*The biweekly **TCN News** provides a concise digest of tobacco control announcements to the Tobacco Control Network's membership base of tobacco control program managers and additional staff from each state, territory, and D.C., as well as our valued partners.*

Upcoming Events

[No Menthol Sunday: Find Your Way to Freedom](#) – National African American Tobacco Prevention Network
May 27|*Pledge to Participate*

[Placing our Efforts to Promote Health Equity into the Health Impact Pyramid: How is Tobacco Control Measuring Up?](#) – Tobacco Control Training Collaborative
June 6, 3-4:30 PM
EDT|*Registration Required*

[State of Black Health National Conference](#) – National African American Tobacco Prevention Network
Atlanta, GA
Sept. 11-13|*Registration Required*

[2018 National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media](#) – CDC,

Partner Announcements

- **CDC** [published](#) a factsheet to educate teachers and parents on the risk of JUUL e-cigarettes for youth and adolescents.
- **FDA** [extended](#) the comment period for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Modified Risk Tobacco Products applications for six smokeless tobacco products.
- **FDA** [updated](#) their FDA Age Calculator smartphone application to give retailers the option to change the minimum purchase age from 18 to 19 or 21.
- The **University of California San Francisco's** Smoke Free Movies campaign [released](#) their latest advertisement asking Motion Picture Association of America member companies to vote to give films depicting tobacco use an R rating by June 1.

State News

- The **Massachusetts** House of Representatives [approved](#) a proposal that would raise the minimum purchase age of tobacco 18 to 21 years old.
- **New Jersey** lawmakers reintroduced a bill that would [prohibit](#) smoking on all state beaches and boardwalks, after Gov. Chris Christie vetoed similar legislation in 2014.
- An increase in e-cigarette use among **Hawaii** youth [highlights](#) lack of enforcement around these products, which might be addressed by a bill proposing to limit internet sales of the products to licensed retailers only.

National Public Health
Information Coalition, and The
Society for Health
Communication
Atlanta, GA
Sept. 11-13|*Registration
Required*

[9th National Summit on
Smokeless Tobacco
Prevention](#) – Health Education
Council
Sacramento, CA
Oct. 16-18|*Registration
Required*

[APHA 2018 Annual Meeting &
Expo](#) – American Public Health
Association
San Diego, CA
Nov. 10-14|*Save the Date*

Funding Opportunities

[PAR-17-218 – U.S. Tobacco
Control Policies to Reduce
Health Disparities \(R21\)](#)

Deadline: June 15, 2020

NIH published an open-funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to support observational or intervention research focused on reducing health disparities in tobacco use in the United States. The FOA is intended to stimulate scientific inquiry focused on innovative tobacco control policies.

Job Listings

[Advertising Specialist
UC Davis Medical Center
Sacramento, CA](#)

[Program Manager
American Lung Association
Phoenix, AZ](#)

[Advocacy Manager
American Lung Association in
California
Fresno or Bakersfield, CA](#)

In the News

- Seventeen public health schools in the United States and Canada [pledged](#) to refuse research funding from the Foundation for a Smoke-Free World funded by Philip Morris.
- An article published in *The New Yorker* [takes](#) an in-depth look at the rise of JUUL e-cigarettes among youth.
- Fire investigators in Florida continue to [examine](#) the death of a 38-year-old man who may represent the first casualty in the United States resulting from an exploded e-cigarette battery.
- A medical case study [published](#) in *Pediatrics* [details](#) an 18-year-old restaurant hostess treated with respiratory failure after three weeks of e-cigarette use.

Research

- An *MMWR* data analysis [found](#) that 49 percent of mental health treatment facilities and 35 percent of substance abuse facilities implemented smoke-free campus policies.
- A prospective study published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [concluded](#) that there is a bidirectional relationship between supportive e-cigarette social environment and e-cigarette use.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* study [found](#) that the prevalence of online tobacco marketing engagement among American teens significantly increased from 8.7 percent in 2013-2014 to 20.9 percent in 2014-2015.
- The results of a longitudinal data analyses of adult smokers from Australia, Canada, Mexico, and the

About the Tobacco Control Network

The TCN's mission is to improve the public's health by providing education and state-based expertise to tobacco prevention and control at the state and national levels.

The TCN is a network of tobacco program managers and staff from state and territorial health departments as well as Funder's Alliance organizations, and a peer group of the [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials](#) (ASTHO) on behalf of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health.

About ASTHO

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials is the national nonprofit association representing the state and territorial public health agencies of the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia. ASTHO members, the chief health officials of these jurisdictions, are dedicated to formulating and influencing sound public health policy and to ensuring excellence in state-based public health practice.



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United States published in *Health Education Research* [found](#) that health warning labels disparagement among smokers may indicate greater warning relevance and processing and does not result in counterproductive effects on cessation efforts.

- A survey of all Medicaid programs published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* [found](#) that 47 states have improved tobacco cessation coverage since ACA implementation.

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