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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- TCN has elected a new slate of Executive Committee [members](#) who will serve through September 2020. A welcome letter from new Chair Frances Limtiaco (WA) is available on the TCN website's [About Us](#) tab.
- All TCN members are invited to provide input on the newly implemented [2019-2022 Strategic Map](#) by submitting any feedback and questions to tcn@astho.org by Oct. 11.

Help Your Peers Requests

Tobacco Retail Licenses

Deadline: Oct. 10

What is the cost of the tobacco retail license in your state? Are your vape shops licensed and regulated? Is that a separate license? What is the fee?

Smokefree Vehicle Policies

Deadline: Oct. 10

Montana is in the process of researching vehicle policies to provide guidance for their program's contracted Tobacco Prevention Specialists. They're getting close to creating a smokefree vehicle policy and they wanted to see if any TCN

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Upcoming Events

[Catalyzing Medicaid-Public Health Collaboration to Achieve Mutual Prevention Goals: Lessons from CDC's 6|18 Initiative](#) – Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc.
Oct. 17, 2-3 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

[Flavored Tobacco Product Restrictions in Massachusetts: Impact on Availability and Youth Use](#) – Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Oct. 24, 2-3:30 p.m. ET | *No registration required*

[FDA Center for Tobacco Products Public Meeting on Deemed Tobacco Product Applications](#)
Silver Spring, MD
Oct. 28-29 | *Registration required*

[APHA Annual Meeting and Expo](#) – American Public Health Association

members have a model policy that address smoking in vehicles with children.

If you have any information to share or know someone who does, please reply to tcn@astho.org and we will pass your insights along to the person who submitted the request and to other TCN members interested in learning more.

Partner Announcements

- **ASTHO** published a [press release](#) encouraging Americans to stop using vaping products immediately due to concerns of severe pulmonary illness, and a [blog post](#) summarizing executive and legislative actions states have taken to address e-cigarette use.
- **CDC reports** that, as of Oct. 3, 1,080 cases of e-cigarette-associated pulmonary illness have been identified in 48 states and one U.S. territory, including 18 associated deaths across 15 states. CDC and FDA have still not identified a specific vaping product or chemical compound that is causing the outbreak, but note that most patients reported using vaping products containing the cannabis derivative THC.
 - An *MMWR* article [provides](#) updated data on the demographics of patients impacted by the outbreak and the products they used, finding that 76.9 percent of patients reported using a THC product.
 - Another *MMWR* article [includes](#) more detailed information on the outbreak in Illinois and Wisconsin and states that 89 percent of self-reported THC product users acquired those products from informal sources, such as friends, family, or dealers.
- **FDA announced** a proposed rule on the details of its premarket tobacco product applications. Public comments will be accepted through Nov. 25.

Philadelphia
Nov. 2-6 | *Registration required*

Funding Opportunities

If you are aware of any funding opportunities that would appeal to state and territorial tobacco control programs, please reach out to tcn@astho.org.

Job Listings

[Chief of the Evaluation Unit California Department of Public Health Sacramento, CA](#)

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

- **FDA** Acting Commissioner Ned Sharpless also [released](#) a statement calling on Americans to stop vaping THC products during the ongoing investigation of severe lung illnesses.
- An **American Lung Association** conversation guide [provides](#) talking points and resources for parents who want to discuss e-cigarettes with their children.

State News

- **Massachusetts** Gov. Charlie Baker [announced](#) a four-month ban on the sale of all vaping products, including those containing nicotine and THC.
 - In response to the announced ban, Massachusetts vape shops are [suing](#) the state, alleging that the state's executive action is unconstitutional and runs contrary to FDA's authority.
- **Rhode Island** Gov. Gina Raimondo [issued](#) an executive order that bans the sale of flavored e-cigarettes for up to 180 days.
- **Washington** Gov. Jay Inslee issued an executive order that [directed](#) state health officials to ban the sale all flavored vaping products, including those containing THC.
- The **Utah** Department of Health [passed](#) an emergency rule requiring vape shops to display warnings regarding THC vaping cartridges and restricting the sale of flavored e-cigarettes to licensed specialty tobacco stores.
- **Oregon** Gov. Kate Brown [issued](#) an executive order that enacts a 180-day ban on the sale of flavored vaping products and calls on the state

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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legislature to develop long-term policy solutions.

- **New York** Gov. Andrew Cuomo [said](#) he's directing his administration to consider adding menthol e-cigarette products to the state's existing ban on other e-cigarette flavorings.
- The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council in **South Dakota** [announced](#) that it had banned the sale, possession, and use of e-cigarettes on the Pine Ridge Reservation.
- Amidst growing youth e-cigarette use in his state, **Minnesota** Gov. Tim Walz [announced](#) a new education campaign with school officials, and recommended several policies for the state legislature to consider.
- **Ohio** Gov. Mike DeWine [called](#) on state lawmakers to pass legislation banning all e-cigarette products with flavors other than tobacco.

In the News

- Two House subcommittees held formal hearings investigating the health risks of e-cigarette use:
 - On Sept. 24, Ngozi Ezike (SHO-IL) [joined](#) other stakeholders in testifying before the House Committee on Oversight and Reform's Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy.
 - On Sept. 25, Joneigh Khaldun (SHO-MI), Elizabeth Cuervo Tilson (SHO-NC), Lee Norman (SHO-KS), and Monica Bharel (SHO-MA) [testified](#) before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
 - Walmart [announced](#) that it will stop selling e-cigarettes in all of its retail locations, citing "growing
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federal, state and local regulatory complexity and uncertainty regarding e-cigarettes.”

- The following news items relate to JUUL Labs:
 - Kevin Burns [stepped down](#) as CEO of JUUL Labs. The company also announced that it will suspend all U.S. advertising and all lobbying on the Trump administration’s forthcoming e-cigarette regulations.
 - JUUL Labs will [cease](#) its financial support of Prop. C in San Francisco, a ballot initiative that would overturn the city’s e-cigarette sales restriction if adopted.
- According to a Morning Consult survey, 77 percent of Americans who voted for President Trump in 2016 [support](#) the administration’s plan to remove flavored e-cigarettes from the market.
- A group of six senators [sent](#) letters to national pharmacy chains urging them to follow in the steps of CVS and cease sales of all tobacco products in their stores.
- The White House [cancelled](#) a meeting with vaping advocates who seek to push back against the Trump Administration’s announcement that it intends to regulate flavored e-cigarette products.

Research

- An analysis of National Cancer Institute’s SmokefreeTXT text message smoking cessation program published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [found](#) that African American participants were more likely to complete the program but were less likely report abstinence following the program’s completion compared to white participants.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of national survey data [concluded](#) that e-cigarette use

increased smokers' likelihood of trying to quit and successfully quitting combustible tobacco smoking.

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* data analysis [found](#) that educational attainment and income level are positively correlated with e-cigarette use, in a statistically insignificant manner, compared to the strong negative correlation between those two factors and combustible cigarette use.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of nationally representative survey data [concluded](#) that 40.6 percent of U.S. adults saw at least one court-ordered tobacco industry corrective statement in newspapers or on television in 2017 and 2018.

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