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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcement

The TCN Emerging Issues Workgroup is planning two meetings in the coming months – one on how state tobacco control programs have responded to the COVID-19, and another on youth cessation. TCN members who are interested in joining the Emerging Issues Workgroup and participating in these meetings can reach out to tcn@astho.org.

Happy Anniversary!

In the first newsletter of each month, TCN recognizes anniversaries of state and territorial tobacco program managers to thank them for their leadership in tobacco control and public health more broadly. Thank you and congratulations to the following program managers!

- **Lisa Moore (DE)** – 21 years.
- **Antonio Cases (PR)** – 18 years.
- **Janis Mayer (NJ)** – 15 years.
- **Vicki Huntington (WI)** – 13 years.
- **Jacob Parsons (SD)** – 4 years.
- **Julia Hitchingham (MI)** – 3 years.

*The twice monthly **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

[Endgame for Tobacco: The World We Want](#) – Action on Smoking and Health Webinar
June 11, 12-1:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

[Smoking Cessation: A Report of the Surgeon General](#) – American Cancer Society Webinar
June 24, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

[Tobacco Policy and Enforcement During COVID-19 Shutdowns](#) – Action on Smoking and Health and the Public Health Law Center Webinar
June 25, 12-1 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

[Nicotine Dependence Conference & National Summit on Smokeless Tobacco Prevention 2020](#) – Mayo Clinic

Help Your Peers Requests

Smokefree Resources During COVID-19

Deadline: June 19

Does anyone have a resource (a one-pager or fact sheet) specifically for "Keeping Homes Healthy and Smokefree During COVID-19"? Louisiana is looking for a resource that can be shared broadly to populations ranging from multi-unit homes to single family homes. Thanks!

Smokefree Housing and Facilities Policy Resources

Deadline: June 23

Does anyone have any information or resources related to implementing smokefree policies in housing for those with behavioral health conditions or those who experienced homelessness? Hawai'i is also looking for information and resources related to smokefree facilities and programs for those with behavioral health conditions. Hawai'i would appreciate any contacts willing to have a brief conversation about this. Thank you!

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

- **WHO** [honored](#) its World No Tobacco Day on May 31 by empowering youths to recognize and rebuff targeted marketing tactics in the tobacco industry.
- **CDC** published the following resources in recognition of World No Tobacco Day:
 - A [story](#) about using data to protect young people from the dangers of tobacco product use.

Virtual Conference
Oct. 18-20 | *Registration required*

Funding Opportunities

[Tobacco/Vape-Free College Program](#)

Truth Initiative

June 30 | *Application deadline*

Job Listings

If you have any job openings that would interest tobacco control professionals, please send them to us at tcn@astho.org.

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.

- A [video](#) on CDC's partnership with global pediatric societies to protect young people from tobacco product use.
- An [infographic](#) highlighting the high rates of e-cigarette use among young people, the related health risks, and what parents, teachers, and health providers can do to protect young people.
- The **GW Cancer Center**, in collaboration with the eight [CDC-funded national networks](#) addressing tobacco-related cancers in underserved populations, [published](#) a social media toolkit to promote strong communication on emerging issues in commercial tobacco use.
- A video advertisement developed by **Rescue Agency** [discusses](#) youth vaping in the context of reduced ability to fight off respiratory viruses.

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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State News

- **Oklahoma** Governor Kevin Stitt [signed](#) a bill into law that will prohibit the sale of all tobacco products to people under age 21, aligning Oklahoma with federal tobacco sales policy.
- The **Michigan** Court of Appeals [upheld](#) a state court injunction against Governor Gretchen Whitmer's emergency rule, which sought to prohibit the sale of flavored vaping products.
- A **Massachusetts** policy prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products in all retail settings except from licensed smoking bars [went](#) into effect on June 1, despite efforts from an industry group to delay the policy.
- A recent episode of the **Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust** Better Health Podcast [discusses](#) the NAATPN Inc. initiative, No

Menthol Sunday, which was convened virtually on May 17.

- **Iowa** Attorney General Tom Miller [published](#) a statement critical of WHO in anticipation of its annual World Tobacco Day recognition, claiming the agency should embrace new technologies and harm reduction strategies to reduce tobacco-related deaths worldwide.
- A *USA Today* article [overviews](#) the challenges of moving towards tobacco-free gaming facilities in Las Vegas and other **Nevada** cities as hotel-casinos on the Las Vegas Strip plan to re-open on June 4.

In the News

- Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, [wrote](#) a letter to FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn [asking](#) the agency to ban the sale of Puff Bar e-cigarette products, which are currently permitted because they are fully disposable.
- A commentary published in *Internal and Emergency Medicine* [discusses](#) the implications of nicotine as a possible COVID-19 treatment or prophylactic.

Research

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* study of airborne nicotine and other harmful constituents in five vape shops [found](#) that the concentration of harmful chemicals was between 3.3 and 21 times greater during opening hours compared to closing hours.

- A laboratory experiment of IQOS heated tobacco products published in *Tobacco Control* [identified](#) 62 harmful compounds in non-combustive tobacco aerosol, only 10 of which were identified in previous studies.
- A *Tobacco Control* experiment of young adult JUUL users [found](#) that study subjects reported increased satisfaction, taste, and enjoyment when using their preferred flavor of JUUL products compared to the tobacco flavor.

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