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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

Partner Announcements

- **ASTHO** [published](#) a health policy blog that provides updates on proposed and adopted state tobacco policies in the areas of tobacco 21, flavor restrictions, and e-cigarette price increases.
- The following announcements come from **CDC**:
 - According to new data from the 2020 National Youth Tobacco Survey published in an MMWR, 19.6% of high school students and 4.7% of middle school students [reported](#) being current e-cigarette users, with a wide variety of e-cigarette device types and flavors being used.
 - An MMWR analysis of retail sales data [found](#) that between Sept. 2014 and May 2020, total unit e-cigarette sales increased by 122.2%, with disposable products and menthol products increasing between Aug. 2019 and May 2020.
 - A *Preventing Chronic Disease* analysis of National Youth Tobacco Survey data [concluded](#) that in 2019, 25.3% of middle and high school students reported secondhand smoke exposure at home, and 23.3% reported exposure in a vehicle.
 - CDC [published](#) a new informational webpage on how to protect young people from the harms of e-cigarette use.

*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

[Teen Vaping Cessation Strategies That Work](#) – Rescue Agency Webinar
Sept. 24, 2-3 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

[From 2020 Hindsight to 20/20 Foresight: What Have We Learned? Where Do We Go From Here?](#) – National Public Health Information Coalition and CDC
Virtual Meeting
Oct. 6-8 | *Registration required*

[Annual Tobacco Documents Workgroup: Putting the Tobacco Industry's Words to Work for You](#) – University of California, San Francisco and Truth Initiative
Virtual Workshop
Oct. 16 | *Registration required*

[Nicotine Dependence](#)

- **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids** [published](#) a report that reviewed the efforts of the first year of the “Protect Kids: Fight Flavored E-Cigarettes” campaign, the changes to the flavored e-cigarette product landscape during that time, and next steps for policymakers and federal regulators.
- The **African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council** and **Action on Smoking and Health** [announced](#) that the **American Medical Association** joined their [lawsuit](#) against the FDA Center for Tobacco Products, which aims to compel the Center to exercise its regulatory authority to prohibit the sale of menthol tobacco products.
- **ChangeLab Solutions** [published](#) a toolkit for assessing and addressing preemption in local policy campaigns.
- **Truth Initiative** [partnered](#) with *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah* to air a comedic segment highlighting how tobacco manufacturers and retailers have continued to market their products during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A **National Native Network** webinar recording that [explores](#) the benefits of tribal casinos opening smokefree is now available.
- **FDA** [announced](#) that its e-cigarette education materials distributed to schools through its partnership with Scholastic are now available in Spanish.

State News

- The City Council of Chicago, **Illinois** [voted](#) to prohibit the sale of flavored e-cigarette products within the city, while still allowing menthol cigarettes to remain on the market.

[Conference & National Summit on Smokeless Tobacco Prevention 2020](#) – Mayo Clinic Virtual Conference
Oct. 18-20 | *Registration required*

[State of Black Health Conference](#) – NAATPN, Inc. Charlotte, NC
March 2-4, 2021 | *Registration required*

[National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#) – National Network of Public Health Institutes
New Orleans
June 28-30, 2022 | *Save the date*

Funding Opportunities

[Tobacco/Vape-Free College Program](#)
Truth Initiative
Deadline: Dec. 1, 5 p.m. ET

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

- **Florida** Governor Ron DeSantis [vetoed](#) a policy passed by the state legislature and supported by his own attorney general that would have raised the sales age of tobacco products to 21 and prohibited the sale of flavored e-cigarettes products in the state.
- **Illinois** Attorney General Kwame Raoul [sued](#) California-based e-cigarette manufacturer Juice Man, alleging deceptive marketing tactics appealing to youth in violation of state law.
- A Public Health Law Center blog post [outlines](#) the expected next steps in an industry-funded referendum effort to repeal the new **California** flavored tobacco products law, which may result in a two-year delay in the implementation of the law.

In the News

- FDA currently [faces](#) the daunting task of reviewing thousands of applications submitted by e-cigarette manufacturers within a year of the recent Sept. 9 due date, a deadline that FDA announced it's unlikely to meet.
- An article from *The New York Times* [overviews](#) the current research on associations between e-cigarette use and COVID-19.

Research

- A *Tobacco Control* systematic review aiming to better understand the smoking prevalence of people identifying as bisexual [concluded](#) that compared to gays/lesbians and those identifying 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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heterosexual, bisexuals were 1.17 times and 2.49 times more likely to report current smoking, respectively.

- An experiment performed in a metropolitan NICU published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [found](#) that 93.8% of bedside furniture surfaces tested positive for thirdhand smoke, and 93.6% of infants' urine tested positive for cotinine, indicating nicotine exposure.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* secondary analysis of the results of two smoking cessation studies [concluded](#) that non-daily smokers were less likely to benefit from participation in smoking cessation programs, indicating that cessation interventions might need to consider new ways to better reach non-daily smokers.

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