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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- A recording of the latest TCN virtual deskside briefing, which featured Matthew Rossheim from George Mason University discussing the influence of e-cigarette harm perceptions on support for a tobacco-free campus policy among college students, is [available](#) on the resources tab of the TCN website.

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!

- **Mandy Burkett (OH)** – 7 years.
- **Lisa Sheretz (NV)** – 1 year.

Help Your Peers Requests

Working with Smokefree.gov

*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

[How Youth/Young Adults are Rising Up to Respond to JUUL and the Vaping Crisis](#) – Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth and Prevention Connections Webinar
Dec. 2, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

[LGBTQ Youth Tobacco Prevention: COVID-19 and Lung Vulnerability](#) – The Danya Institute Webinar
Dec. 9, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

[Tobacco Prevention in the Lens of COVID-19: New Opportunities and Strategies](#) – ASTHO Webinar
Dec. 16, 1-2:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration required*

Deadline: Dec. 14

Indiana would like to connect with any states that have worked with smokefree.gov for either state-specific data sharing and/or state-specific promotions using opt-in keywords. They are asking mostly related to youth resources (smokefree teen and vaping plans) but any experience would be helpful.

Partner Announcements

- An upcoming **ASTHO** Ask the Experts panel will [discuss](#) new opportunities and strategies for tobacco prevention in the era of COVID-19.
- A **CDC** analysis of National Health Information Survey data [found](#) that in 2019, 20.8% of American adults reported using any tobacco product and 14.0% reported using cigarettes.
- Nov. 19 [marked](#) the annual **ACS** recognition of Great American Smokeout, a day for ACS and partners around the country to encourage people using tobacco products to quit.
 - A new **CDC** web page [recognizes](#) Great American Smokeout by presenting information on tobacco use and lung infections such as influenza and COVID-19.
- A new episode of the Black Body Health podcast from **The Center for Black Health & Equity** [discusses](#) tobacco companies' advertising of mentholated tobacco products in Black neighborhoods as an example of predatory marketing.
- **ALA** [published](#) its third annual State of Lung Cancer report, which details the toll of lung cancer in each state and includes information on lung cancer disparities at the state and national level.

[State of Black Health Conference](#) – The Center for Black Health & Equity Virtual Conference
March 2-3, 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
[Improving Social Determinants of Health – Getting Further Faster](#)
ASTHO and NACCHO
Deadline: Dec. 8, 5 p.m. ET

Job Listings
[Health Policy Coordinator](#)
Louisiana Department of Health
Baton Rouge, LA

[Public Health Advisor](#)
CDC Center for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support Atlanta, GA

[Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Epidemiologist](#)
Louisiana Department of Health
New Orleans or Baton Rouge, LA

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.

- **Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights** [published](#) several resources and webinar recordings to help support voluntary smokefree tribal casino policies.

State News

- Three states voted on ballot initiatives relating to tobacco control during the November election:
 - **Colorado** voters [approved](#) Proposition EE, which will increase the state cigarette tax to \$2.64, increase taxes on e-cigarette products to 62%, and increase taxes on other tobacco products to 22% by 2027.
 - **Oklahoma** voters [rejected](#) State Question 814, which would reduce the portion of tobacco settlement funds going to the state's Funders Alliance organization, the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust, from 75% to 25%.
 - **Oregon** voters [passed](#) Measure 108 to increase the state cigarette tax to \$3.33, increase the cigar tax cap to \$1 per cigar, and establish a 65% tax on e-cigarette products.

In the News

- A proposed bill being heard by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors would [make](#) San Francisco the largest American city to prohibit smoking inside multi-unit residential buildings.

Research

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.



- A *Public Health Reports* survey analysis [found](#) that 56.4% of Americans support government policies that prohibit the sale of menthol cigarettes, including 28.5% of current menthol cigarette smokers.
- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of National Youth Tobacco Survey data [found](#) that between 2015 and 2018, 28.4% of middle and high school students reported secondhand exposure at home and/or in a vehicle, with non-urban youth being at a higher risk for exposure.
- An analysis of survey data published in *JAMA Network Open* [concluded](#) that from 2002 to 2018, the proportion of cigarette smokers who initiated in early adulthood increased from 20.6% to 42.6%, warranting increased emphasis on young adult surveillance research.

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