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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

TCN Announcements

- The June 2 [TCN Coffee Chat](#), *Mythbusters: Debunking Misconceptions About Menthol*, is now available on the [Resources tab](#) of the TCN website, along with a listing of additional resources relating to FDA's recent announcement on menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars.

Partner Announcements

- **ASTHO** [published](#) a brief describing new opportunities for tobacco prevention that have emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **ALA** [published](#) new systems change resources relating to the integration of tobacco use disorder treatment in behavioral health settings.
- The following resources come from **Public Health Law Center (PHLC)**:
 - A new PHLC resource [outlines](#) strategies to combat industry marketing practices that target tribes, including a sample resolution.
 - A *Tobacco Control* analysis of FDA compliance check and no-tobacco-sale order data co-authored by PHLC

*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

[Women Quitting Smoking: Challenges Throughout the Lifespan](#) – Mayo Clinic
Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
June 23, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Obesity, Cancer, and Place](#) – Geographic Health Equity Alliance and Counter Tools
Webinar
June 25, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Building the Evidence-Base on Equity: Assessing the Impact of the Massachusetts Menthol and Flavored Tobacco Law](#) – Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program
Webinar
June 30, 3-4:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Burned and Baked:](#)

attorneys [concluded](#) that nearly 95% of these orders could have been issued earlier, indicating that FDA is not leveraging its full enforcement powers.

- According to updated survey results from **Truth Initiative** and **Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids**, 8-in-10 adult registered voters are [concerned](#) about how flavors make e-cigarettes attractive to youth.
- A comprehensive report published by the **Local Solutions Support Center** [overviews](#) state preemption policies relating to tobacco regulations and other public health policies passed during the COVID-19 emergency.
- **FDA Center for Tobacco Products** [announced](#) that it has withdrawn any regulatory actions related to premium cigars, which are still under full regulatory jurisdiction of the agency.

State News

- **Oklahoma** Governor Kevin Stitt [signed](#) into law a bill that expands the list of tobacco products exempted from taxation to include nicotine lozenges and pouches.
- A *Tobacco Control* analysis of flavored tobacco product sales in San Francisco [concluded](#) that tobacco sales decreased 96% after the implementation of the city's comprehensive flavor policy, compared to no change and a 10% decrease in two other **California** cities without a flavor policy.

In the News

[Implications and Effective Treatment Strategies of Tobacco and Marijuana](#) – Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
July 19, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Health at any Age: Supporting Cessation Later in Life](#) – Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
Aug. 31, 1-2 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training and Certification](#) – Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
Sept. 28-30 | *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Training and Certification](#) – Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center
Virtual Training
Nov. 8-10 | *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

If you know of any funding opportunities that would be of interest to state and territorial tobacco control programs, please pass those along to tcn@astho.org.

Job Listings

[Research Scientist 5 \(Director, Statewide Tobacco Control Program\)](#)

- A story originally published in *The Pulse* health and science podcast [overviews](#) the conflict between sacred and commercial tobacco use in some American Indian communities.
- A letter published in *Tobacco Control* [discusses](#) the lack of available data on secondhand smoke exposure as a problem for early 2020 research that sought to understand the connection between tobacco use and COVID-19.

Research

- An experiment on U.S. adults aged 18-29 testing different warning labels on waterpipe tobacco products published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [found](#) that hypothetical FDA warnings focusing on nicotine content were less effective than messages comparing waterpipe smoking to cigarette smoking.
- A *Tobacco Control* survey analysis [concluded](#) that the American public is widely uneducated about the environmental and health impacts of cigarette filters, with 71% of Americans not knowing that plastic is a component of filters and 60% believing that filters make it easier to smoke.

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Albany, NY

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North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Raleigh, NC

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

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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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