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TCN News

News and announcements from the Tobacco Control Network

FDA Public Commenting Resources

The public may provide comments on proposed rules prohibiting [menthol cigarettes](#) and [flavored cigars](#) through **Aug. 2. Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids** has provided the following background materials and talking points to guide public commenting.

- [Template Comments in Support of Proposed Rule to Prohibit Flavored Cigars](#)
- [Support Removing Flavored Cigars from the Market to Protect Kids](#)
- [Template Comments in Support of Proposed Rule to Prohibit Menthol Cigarettes](#)
- [Support Removing Menthol Cigarettes from the Market: FDA Action Will Protect Kids, Save Lives, and Advance Health Equity](#)
- [Talking Points in Support of Proposed Rules to Prohibit Menthol Cigarettes and Flavored Cigars](#)

TCN Announcements

- We have released our latest technical assistance package, [The Intersection of COVID-19 & Tobacco Control](#), which contains a collection of state case studies, research, virtual event recordings, and online resources prepared by ASTHO and the Tobacco Control Network. Youth and young adult

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Upcoming Events

[Spokesperson Training](#) – The African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council Virtual Event
June 22, 3:30-5 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[Tobacco Cessation & Bias Masterclass](#) – National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco and Cancer Control Virtual Event
June 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m. ET
| *Registration Required*

[National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#) – National Network of Public Health Institutes
New Orleans
June 28-30 | *Registration Required*

[Comment Period Open: FDA Proposed Rules Prohibiting Menthol Cigarettes](#) – FDA

tobacco use have reached record high rates in recent years, emphasizing the importance of understanding the intersection of tobacco use and vulnerability to the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage states to consider using these resources in their own work to emphasize this important intersection of public health priorities. This resource can also be accessed on [ASTHO's e-Learning Center](#).

- We are pleased to provide you with the [2022 TCN Policy Recommendations Guide](#). This guide offers tobacco control programs, coalitions, and decision-makers evidence-based policies and emerging strategies to move our nation forward in ending the tobacco epidemic. It additionally provides **(1)** guiding principles for advancing tobacco control policies and for working with tribal nations and **(2)** a summary of the changing tobacco control landscape, including the youth e-cigarette epidemic, information on health disparities and health equity, the roadblock of policy preemption, and addressing related issues such as marijuana, e-cigarette or vaping use-associated lung injury (EVALI), and COVID-19.

NCTOH Ancillary Meetings Calendar

If you're hosting an ancillary meeting at NCTOH or are aware of one that we're not listing, let us know about it at tcn@astho.org.

[NTCP Technical Assistance Meeting](#) – CDC Office on Smoking & Health
June 27, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. CT

[Program Managers and Evaluators Meeting](#) – CDC Office on Smoking & Health
June 27, 8:30-11:30 a.m. CT

Media Network Meeting – CDC Office on Smoking & Health

Deadline: Aug. 2

[Comment Period Open: Tobacco Product Standard for Characterizing Flavors in Cigars](#) – FDA

Deadline: Aug. 2

[Tobacco Treatment Specialist Livestream Training and Certification](#) – Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center Virtual Event
Sept. 20-22 | *Registration Required*

[3rd National Menthol Conference](#) – The African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council
Washington, D.C.
Sept. 28-30 | *Registration Required*

[3rd International Symposium to Advance Total Worker Health®](#) – NIOSH and the Center for Health, Work & Environment
Bethesda, MD
Oct. 11-14

[Agents of Change Summit 2023](#) – Rescue Agency
San Diego, CA
March 6-7, 2023

[30th Annual Nicotine Dependence Center Conference](#) – Mayo Clinic
Phoenix, AZ
March 27-28, 2023
| *Registration Required*

Funding Opportunities

If you know of any funding opportunities that would appeal to state and territorial tobacco control programs, please send those to us at tcn@astho.org.

Job Listings

June 27, 1-4:30 p.m. CT

[Coordinator Camp 2022](#) – Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids & Truth Initiative

June 27, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. CT

[The Case Against Menthol](#) – The African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council

June 27, 1-5 p.m. CT

Tobacco Control Program Manager Networking Luncheon – TCN

June 28, 12:15-1:45 p.m. CT

[Tobacco Retailer Advanced Compliance \(TRAC\) Training Information Session](#) – ASH Canada

June 30, 12:30-1:30 p.m. CT

Help Your Peers Request

Opportunities to Reach Justice-Involved Individuals

Deadline: June 23

A collaboration group in Kansas is exploring opportunities to reach justice-involved individuals with information about how quitting tobacco use can improve their recovery from substance use conditions and reduce relapse rates. Have other programs or grantees successfully worked with Court Services, Community Corrections, Parole, jail re-entry, or specialty courts or dockets serving the community, especially those which address drug use, mental illness, and veterans as a special population?

Partner Announcements

- The following announcements are from **FDA**:
 - FDA [launched](#) the “Next Legends” Youth E-Cigarette Prevention Campaign which educates American Indian/Alaska Native

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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

youth, ages 12-17, about the harms of vaping through unique branding and tailored messaging created to inspire a new generation to live Native strong and vape-free.

- FDA [issued](#) marketing granted orders to NJOY LLC for its tobacco-flavored Daily disposable e-cigarettes, specifically, NJOY Daily Rich Tobacco 4.5% and NJOY Daily Extra Rich Tobacco 6%.
- **CDC** [released](#) a new feature article that highlights June Pride Month and offers information on how everyone can help reduce smoking among LGBTQ+ populations year-round.
- The following announcements are from **Truth Initiative**:
 - A Truth Initiative resource [reports](#) that by the end of March 2022, 361 localities and three Native American tribes have placed some type of restriction on flavored tobacco products and, of those, 108 have fully comprehensive policies that prohibit sales of all types of flavors across all products.
 - The EX Program and B. Braun Medical [joined](#) HR Works Podcast to take a closer look at the critical interplay between mental health and tobacco addiction and how organizations can support employees looking to live healthier in 2022.
 - Amy Taylor, Truth Initiative's chief of community engagement, [discusses](#) vaping's impact on mental health and how to speak with your children without a finger-waving approach, in a recent episode of The Parent Compass.
- **Rescue Agency** [released](#) its newest ad "Detach" which shows teens the science behind nicotine addiction that makes it so difficult to quit on their

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own, and promotes the free My Life, My Quit nicotine cessation program.

State News

- Rutgers, The State University of **New Jersey**, a grantee of the Tobacco/Vape-Free College Program, [announced](#) its “Tobacco-Free by 2023” initiative that will prohibit the use of all tobacco products on all campuses effective January 1, 2023.
- The **New York** State legislature [approved](#) a bill to prohibit smoking in public parks operated by municipalities or the state, which now moves to the governor’s desk for consideration.
- The following news stories are from **California**:
 - The Los Angeles City Council [voted](#) 12-0 to pass an ordinance which prohibits the sale of flavored tobacco products, except hookah in hookah lounges and bar patios is slated to go into effect in January 2023.
 - Mayor Todd Gloria [signed](#) an ordinance which makes it unlawful for retailers within the City of San Diego to sell or distribute specified flavored tobacco products effective Jan. 1, 2023.
- The county commission in Gwinnett County, **Georgia** [passed](#) a comprehensive smoke-free air ordinance that will prohibit smoking in public spaces, with some exceptions.

In the News

- *Roll Call* [underscores](#) the tension lawmakers face in using “sin taxes” to fund critical social programs at
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the state and federal levels, as revenue has fallen over the years along with smoking rates and the FDA's recent proposal to ban menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars.

- A recent study published in *JAMA Network Open* [finds](#) that teen consumption of menthol cigarettes was associated with nearly three additional days of smoking over a 30-day period, a 38 percent higher risk of becoming a frequent smoker, and an eight percent higher nicotine dependency, according to a recent study.
- In a recent *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* article, Kayla McPike, whose grandmother was a lifelong menthol cigarette smoker and died of lung cancer, [urges](#) the FDA to quickly implement a ban on menthol cigarettes.

Research

- A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of cross-sectional surveillance data collected in April and June 2021 [found](#) that the most common reason for increasing e-cigarette use was managing stress and the most common reasons for decreasing use included fewer social interactions and concerns over general health.
 - A *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* analysis of Nielsen retail sales data between January 2019 and January 2020 [found](#) that following JUUL's removal of mint in November 2019, JUUL's market share dropped from over 66% in Florida and the U.S. to 37.1% in Florida and 55.1% in the U.S.
 - An analysis of 2013-14 to 2019-19 California Healthy Kids Survey data published in *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* [concluded](#) that among SM youth, T21 was associated with significant
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reductions in lifetime e-cigarette use and lifetime use of any tobacco products.

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