

Sample Smoke and Tobacco-Free Policy

BACKGROUND

Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventative disease and death in the United States. The Surgeon General has concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found secondhand tobacco smoke to be a risk to public health, and has classified secondhand smoke as a group A carcinogen, the most dangerous class of carcinogen. Furthermore, the California Air Resources Board has categorized secondhand smoke as a toxic air contaminant. Secondhand smoke is hazardous to smokers and non-smokers alike. To promote a safe and healthy campus environment, COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME has adopted this smoke and tobacco-free policy.

POLICY

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its students, employees, and visitors. In light of evidence that the use of tobacco and nicotine as well as exposure to secondhand smoke and aerosol (commonly referred to as “vapor”) from electronic smoking devices pose significant health and environmental hazards, COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME has established a smoke, vapor and tobacco-free environment.

Smoking and the use of all tobacco products are prohibited at all times on all property and in all indoor and outdoor spaces owned, leased, licensed, or otherwise controlled by COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME.

Such products will also not be sold or distributed on COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY-controlled property.

No advertising or marketing of such products shall be permitted on COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY-controlled property or in publications produced by the COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY.

DEFINITIONS

“Electronic Smoking Device” means an electronic device that may be used to deliver any aerosolized or vaporized substance to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to, an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, or e-hookah.

“Smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, or burning any tobacco, nicotine, cannabis, or plant product, whether natural or synthetic, such as cigar, cigarette, cigarillo, pipe, or any other lighted, heated, or activated tobacco, nicotine, cannabis or plant product intended for inhalation. “Smoking” also means using an electronic smoking device or hookah.

“Tobacco Product” means any product containing, made from, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means,

including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, or snus; and any electronic smoking device and any substances that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine.

“Tobacco Product” does not include a product that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco treatment product marketed and sold solely for such an approved purpose.

COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

It is the responsibility of the administration to ensure compliance with this procedure. It is the responsibility of managers and supervisors to inform their employees of this procedure and it is the responsibility of all employees to inform the students.

Nicotine is an addictive product and it may take time for students, faculty, and staff that use tobacco to change habits of use. For these reasons, education, including resources and referrals for tobacco treatment, will be the primary mode of enforcement.

TOBACCO TREATMENT

For individuals interested in quitting tobacco, free tobacco treatment services are provided at [CAMPUS OR LOCAL RESOURCES]. Additionally, for free help quitting, contact the California Smokers’ Helpline at 1-800-NOBUTTS or www.nobutts.org.