

Chancellor's Memorandum
CM-58 – Tobacco Use Policy

To: Vice Chancellors, Deans, Administrative Staff, Department Heads, Employees, and Students.

From: LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans Chancellor

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I. Policy

LSU Health Sciences Center recognizes the hazards to the health of our citizens caused by tobacco use and therefore establishes this policy to provide a tobacco-free environment for all its students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Use of tobacco, as defined herein, is prohibited on all LSU Health Sciences Center owned, operated, or leased properties, as well as in all campus owned or leased vehicles.

This policy applies to all employees and students as well as all visitors to campus. All faculty, staff, and students are asked to remind others, in a polite and courteous manner, that all our buildings and grounds are tobacco-free and that no tobacco use is allowed anywhere on campus. University Police will be available to enforce this policy in a courteous but firm manner if necessary.

II. Definitions

Tobacco: any and all forms of tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, electronic smoking device, and/or any other product which is used to deliver nicotine by means of smoke or vapor. This does not include any FDA-approved product or device intended to assist the user to stop smoking or using tobacco products.

Electronic Smoking Device: any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the produce the product. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, vape pen, nicotine inhaler, or under any other product name or descriptor.

III. Procedures

Employees may request that an individual on a campus property or in a campus vehicle not use tobacco; if that person refuses to comply, please notify your supervisor or Human Resources with the employee's name, or contact University Police if the person is a visitor. University Police will escort non-compliant visitors off the premises

For employees, failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Anyone who violates the tobacco-free policy will be referred to cessation resources.

LSUHSC, in collaboration with the Tobacco Control Initiative, has established an in-house phone line to provide information on available resources for its faculty, students and staff. Further information is available at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (7848-669).

Signed: Larry H. Hollier, M.D., Chancellor