



## Frequently Asked Questions about Tobacco-Free MSU

### *Policy*

- Where can I get more information about Tobacco-Free MSU?
  - <http://tobaccofree.msu.edu>
- To what extent is the University planning on taking the non-smoking policy?
  - The policy for a Tobacco Free MSU encompasses all areas of campus at all times. This policy does not affect tobacco use off campus.
- What is the policy on e-cigarettes and vaping?
  - The ordinance includes all tobacco products and dispensers meant for the use of tobacco or nicotine; this would include hookahs, pipes, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, dip/snuff, etc.
- Will there actually be “designated” smoking areas?
  - Not on campus. Those who use tobacco are welcome to do so off-campus.
- Can visitors smoke in their personal vehicles?
  - No. The tobacco free ordinance and policy includes private vehicles that are on MSU property. Visitors and employees are welcome to smoke in their vehicles once they leave campus.
- What about tailgates and outdoor sporting events?
  - Tailgates and other outdoor events and activities (such as golf) are included in the policy.

### *Research*

- Has the University taken into account the possible drop in enrollment?
  - Schools that have enacted a similar ban have not experienced a drop in enrollment. We are one of the last schools in Michigan to enforce a ban.
- Have we looked into how other schools are handling the ban?
  - Yes! The nice thing about being at the tail end of a movement (well over 1,000 schools have already banned tobacco and/or smoke) is that we had plenty of schools to learn from. We were able to determine what didn't work, what is most effective, and how to make the transition to a fresh air campus as pain-free as possible for all.
- Has anyone contacted other universities our size about how they implemented a tobacco free campus?
  - Yes, and they were great about sharing information with us!

### *Guidance for Smokers*

- Is the University offering any assistance to help smokers become non-smokers?
  - Tobacco users who wish to become non-users will have university support during their transition. A number of resources can be found at <http://ow.ly/hoWq303t9TH>



- What has been done to assist people who smoke with this transition to the new policy other than the cessation program?
  - The upcoming change was first announced in 2015. Having 18 months to prepare for the change was intentional so smokers would have time to meet with their medical providers or others to determine whether they wish to continue to smoke and take proactive steps to plan on how they wish to handle their urge to smoke while at work. Any FDA approved nicotine cessation product such as a patch or gum is allowed on campus.

### ***Enforcement***

- How do you plan to enforce the no smoking policy on campus?
  - We don't intend this to be enforced through a heavy handed approach. If a person is determined to smoke on campus, enforcement will be similar to any other violation of University policies.
- What is a staff member's responsibility if a person is repeatedly viewed smoking near a building on campus?
  - The <http://tobaccofree.msu.edu> website will have an option for staff, students, visitors, etc. to report tobacco use. The office of the University Physician will be monitoring these reports.
- How many warnings are given? Is it so many that it really doesn't matter and the person keeps smoking anyway?
  - The methods of handling violation of the policy will somewhat depend on whether the person is a visitor, employee, or student – and how blatant the offense is.
- Is there a fine or ticket as part of enforcement?
  - Violation of the policy could result in a ticket (this is not the first line of enforcement). A fine of \$150 has been set by 54-B District Court in East Lansing.

### ***Other***

- How is the University planning on handling the anger issues that will arise from this demand?
  - The University has developed Student, Faculty & Staff, and Supervisor Toolkits which provide ideas for working with individuals who become irritable. We would encourage the use of FDA-approved nicotine replacement products to curb the symptoms of nicotine withdrawal if needed.
  - If a faculty member, staff person, or student is behaving in an unacceptable manner, their behavior is subject to disciplinary action.
- Will all ashtray and cigarette disposals be removed?
  - Yes.