

Tobacco and Vape-Free Campus Policy

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Nazareth College (the “College”) faculty, staff, students, clients, vendors, contractors and visitors.

BACKGROUND

The College acknowledges and supports the findings of the United States Surgeon General, which reports that the use of tobacco or recreational nicotine-containing products in any form, active and passive, is a significant health hazard. The College further recognizes that environmental tobacco smoke has been classified as a Class-A carcinogen. The Surgeon General reports that establishing a smoke-free workplace is the only effective way to ensure that secondhand smoke exposure does not occur in the workplace, because ventilation and other air cleaning technologies cannot completely control for exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke. In light of these health risks, and in support of a safe and healthy learning and working environment, the College has established the following tobacco and vape-free campus policy to be implemented on August 1, 2017.

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy, “tobacco or vape” is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette (e.g., clove, bidis, kreteks, etc.), e-cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, vaping and vapor devices, hookah products and any other smoking product; and any smokeless, spit or spitless, dissolvable, or inhaled tobacco products, including but not limited to dip, chew, snuff or snus, in any form (e.g., orbs, sticks, strips, pellet, etc.).

“Smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or vape product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or any form.

POLICY STATEMENT

Effective August 1, 2017, smoking tobacco or vape products is prohibited on all College grounds; College-owned or leased properties; and College-owned, leased or rented vehicles, regardless of their location. This includes but is not limited to all College sidewalks, parking lots, paths, landscaped areas, fields, stadiums, and recreational areas. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas, including but not limited to offices, classrooms, hallways, waiting rooms, restrooms, meeting rooms, community areas, performance venues, private residential space within College housing, (including dormitories and student group housing located on College property), and during lectures, conferences, meetings, and social and cultural events held at the College.

POLICY DETAILS

- Tobacco or vape and all smoking materials need to be extinguished and disposed of prior to entering the College campus/property. Improper disposal includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Spitting smokeless tobacco product;
 - b. Littering (i.e., throwing cigarette butts out of windows or onto the ground);

- c. Any activity that creates fire hazards, such as failing to properly extinguish tobacco or vape products prior to disposal.
- The College is committed to being a good neighbor in our campus communities, and that includes being mindful of litter, loitering, and second-hand smoke as a result of off-campus tobacco or vape use.
- The sale of tobacco or vape products or tobacco-related merchandise (including items that display tobacco company logos) is prohibited in and on all College property, at all College-sponsored events regardless of the vendor or in publications produced by the College, with the exception of advertising in a newspaper or magazine that is not produced by the College and which is lawfully sold, bought or distributed on College property. For the purposes of this policy, “tobacco-related” means the use of a tobacco brand or corporate name, trademark, logo, symbol or motto, selling message, recognizable pattern or colors, or any other indicia of product identical to or identifiable with, those used for any brand of tobacco or vape products or company which manufactures tobacco or vape products.
- The free distribution or sampling of tobacco or vape products and associated products is prohibited on all College-owned or leased property and at College-sponsored events.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE POLICY

Tobacco use may be permitted for educational, clinical or artistic purposes with prior approval of the dean or director responsible for the facility, the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) or appropriate vice president only under the following circumstances:

- A. In support of the requirements of sponsored research related to tobacco or vape, as part of the controlled research requirements. Smoke produced in the conduct of the research will be treated as a contaminant and will be appropriately controlled. If approved, this exception will be in effect only for the duration of the particular research study.
- B. By actors or artists who participate in College-authorized performances that require smoking or the use of tobacco or vape products as part of the artistic production. Under these circumstances, **ONLY the use of a simulated smoking device will be allowed**. If approved, this exception will only be in effect for the duration of the approved performances.

COMPLIANCE

This policy is part of the College's commitment to creating a healthy and sustainable environment for all members of the College community, and is designed to be positive and health-directed. The College acknowledges the addictive nature of tobacco and recognizes the extraordinary challenge of breaking its use. *The College is not requiring faculty, staff,*

and students to quit using tobacco or vape products, but does expect the policy to be adhered to by all individuals on College property.

The primary goal of the policy is to achieve voluntary observance by educating faculty, staff, students, vendors, and visitors about the policy. The enforcement of the policy is viewed as the shared responsibility of all those in the campus community, tobacco or vape users and non-users alike.

More information about the College's tobacco or vape-free initiative can be found at: naz.edu/tobacco. The College will provide cessation resources information, including the Quitline number 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

AMENDMENTS OR TERMINATION OF THIS POLICY

The College reserves the right to modify, amend, or terminate this policy at any time.

This policy was adopted by Nazareth College on March 8, 2017.