

Coming soon ... a healthier campus to live, work and learn in!

100% Smoke & Tobacco-Free Campus takes effect August, 2019

In August, 2019, our campus will expand our current smoke-free policy to ban all forms of tobacco. Read on to learn what to expect when you return to campus this fall:

Why are we going 100 percent Smoke and Tobacco-Free? Here are some of the benefits of a 100-percent smoke and tobacco free campus:

- Protect people from unwanted and involuntary exposure to tobacco and passive smoke.
- Create a supportive environment for those who are trying to reduce or quit tobacco use.
- Create a cleaner living, learning, and working environment.
- Protect the environment from tobacco and vape-related litter.

What exactly will the policy be? Here are the basic policy points:

- All tobacco use, including smoking, non-combustible tobacco use, and vape will be prohibited.
- None of these items may be used on campus property. This includes all inside and outside areas.
- All tobacco use, including smoking, non-combustible tobacco use and vaping will be prohibited in both university vehicles and in private vehicles parked on campus property.
- There are currently no, and will be no designated smoking, tobacco use /vaping areas.
- The policy will apply to everyone: students, faculty, staff and visitors.
- The policy will apply 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Why is vaping banned? It seems harmless to me. Can I vape until the new policy goes into effect?

Vaping / e-cigarette use is already prohibited on this campus. Vaping will still be banned under the new policy. Vaping is a potent nicotine delivery system. Many people mistakenly believe that the aerosol in e-cigarettes is just water vapor. Research has shown that vape contains similar elements to tobacco smoke, including several toxic and carcinogenic compounds. In addition, nicotine can impede brain development, which continues until age 25. For more information visit the smoke-free campus website, <http://smokefree.illinois.edu/> or read our e-cigarette fact sheet.

Question: Isn't tobacco-use and vaping a personal right? Smoking, tobacco use and vaping are legal. The university owns campus property, however, and can establish policies that protect the health of all campus members. Our policy does not prohibit personal behavior and choices; it merely establishes where use can occur. The current and upcoming expanded policy supports the right of all people on the campus to breathe smoke-free air. We hope that tobacco and vape users will respect our policy out of concern for their fellow campus community members.

How do I learn more? Visit our website at <http://smokefree.illinois.edu/>

No smoking

No tobacco

No vape