

Tobacco Free Task Force

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Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

As the university prepares to go tobacco free on Wednesday, July 1, I wanted to update you on the transition and let you know about some new resources that are available.

The <u>tobacco free website</u> has been updated to include a map indicating the areas in which tobacco products are prohibited. There is also a new section with information and support resources for tobacco users interested in quitting. Temporary and permanent signage is being installed to remind members of our community and inform visitors that SU is a completely tobacco free campus as of July 1. This summer, current extinguishing stations will be removed and new extinguishing stations will be placed near campus entries.

Seattle University will be utilizing a community enforcement model to keep our campus tobacco-free. This means that each of us is responsible for letting people know, when needed and with respect, that smoking and use of other tobacco products is no longer permitted on campus. While our immediate community has been well-informed of the coming transition, visitors to campus may need to be gently informed of our new policy. The Tobacco Free Task Force appreciates your help with this.

Further background on our transition to a tobacco free campus can be found on <u>the website</u>, which includes answers to some of the more frequently asked questions.

If you have any further questions, please contact me or other members of the task force at TobaccoFree@seattleu.edu.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hamachek Director of Wellness and Health Promotion and Chair of the Tobacco Free Task Force