



TOBACCO FREE KANSAS
COALITION

RAISE THE AGE *Kansas*

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UPDATES FROM YOUR POLICY TEAM

by **TFKC Policy Committee**

Thank you for supporting the effort to increase the age sale for all tobacco products to 21 across Kansas. This year, we are starting to educate our state legislators about Tobacco 21 and the vast array of tobacco products now being used by youth. Many of our legislators don't know about vaping or even products like hookah and how they are impacting our communities and schools. Our goal is to use this legislative session to build support under the dome and throughout Kansas in order to pass an effective bill next session. But we need your help!

Check out opportunities to advocate at the statehouse by participating in advocacy days, hearings on emerging products, and being a regional T21 leader.

Keep up the great work on local T21 ordinances (hello 1/3 of KS population that is ALREADY living in a T21 community!) and contact your TFKC board for support.

Together, let's build a Tobacco Free Kansas.

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INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS

House Health and Human Services Committee

Informational hearing on vaping

February 4th - 1:30 pm

[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN](#)

Senate Public Health and Welfare

Informational hearing on vaping

February 12th - 9:30 AM, 118-N

Interested in attending? Email tfkcboard@gmail.com.

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Informational Hearings are a formal opportunity for experts like TFKC Coalition partners and the public to educate a legislative committee on a particular issue - in this case, on the alarming rise in youth vaping and it's impact on schools in Kansas.

Thank you to legislative partners like the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Lung Association, and Kansas Association of Family Physicians for helping to plan these hearings and organize testimony!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In February, please call, email, or visit your legislators to talk about new tobacco products and how they have impacted the youth population in your community.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Talk to your legislators

1. Find your elected officials: openstates.org
2. Email, call, visit, write letters - tell your legislators what is happening in your community. Need help? Email info@tobaccofreekansas.org

Planning Tobacco 21 for your community?

Show our state that YOUR community supports youth prevention by passing T21 locally.

Email tfkcboard@gmail.com for resources and connections to communities that have already passed T21.

Become a Raise the Age Leader

1. Download and sign the organizational support form on www.tobaccofreekansas.org
2. Help other organizations in your region sign the support form
3. Email info@tobaccofreekansas.org to volunteer for more opportunities

Sign up for Kick Butts Day KS!

Kick Butts Day is a day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco.

Youth are encouraged to bring teams. Each team is allowed to bring up to 10 youth, an adult sponsor must be present. Lunch will be provided and agenda will be sent out at a later date. Register here:

<https://www.fightcancer.org/actions/register-acs-can-2019-kick-butts-day>

Questions or Concerns?:
Contact jordan.roberts@ks.gov

