

UK -- Almost Five Years Tobacco-free

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Dear Colleagues and Students,

As we begin a new academic year, UK will celebrate a milestone tobacco-free anniversary in November: *Big Blue celebrates 5 years tobacco-free #seeclear #seeblue*. Our institution is one of more than 900 tobacco-free colleges and universities in the nation, and it requires a collective effort to ensure the effective implementation of our tobacco-free campus policy.

Using tobacco of any kind is strictly prohibited everywhere on our campus. Cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, snuff, snus, water pipes or hookah, pipes, etc. are not permitted on any university property, including all campus grounds inside and out, streets, sidewalks, parking areas, vehicles, and student housing. For your convenience, we are providing a [map \(PDF\)](#) of the smoke-free boundaries.

Our top priority at UK is the safety and health of everyone in our community. To that end, we are committed to creating an environment of compliance and believe it is everyone's responsibility. We are all accountable for one another.

To report a violation of the tobacco-free policy, please send specific details to ReportTFviolation@uky.edu or fill out and submit a simple [form](#). Our *Tobacco-free Take Action! Ambassadors* also help promote compliance and report violations. They can be contacted directly at tobaccofree@lsv.uky.edu.

Student violators are reported to the Dean of Students, and under the Student Code they can receive disciplinary sanctions or be fined. Employee violators are reported to their supervisors, with assistance from Human Resources, and they can receive disciplinary sanctions under Human Resources policy.

At the same time, we remain committed to helping students, employees, and sponsored dependents get the help they need to quit using tobacco. In fact, UK has seen many success stories, and we have documented a four-fold increase in quit attempts since the policy took effect in 2009.

Information about the policy, compliance, availability of nicotine replacement and quitting services, etc. is on our website: www.uky.edu/Tobaccofree or via UK's mobile app under myUK. As we approach our 5-year tobacco-free anniversary, please join me in celebrating and respecting our tobacco-free campus -- a healthy place to live, work and learn.

Sincerely,

Eli Capilouto
President