

APPLICATION

NYU Langone Health

PURPOSE

- To support the health, safety, and welfare of faculty, staff, students, patients, and visitors.
- To reduce the risk of fire.
- To comply with applicable state and local regulations, Joint Commission standards, and voluntary guidelines set forth by the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) and the WELL Building Standard (WELL).

POLICY**1.0 Application**

NYU Langone Health refers to the NYU Langone Health System, NYU Langone Hospitals, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, NYU Long Island School of Medicine, the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone, and all entities controlled by any of them.

This policy applies to:

- Any substance which contains tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, powdered tobacco, chewing tobacco, and to all smoking devices, such as electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).
- All indoor and outdoor areas of all NYULH owned and leased facilities
- All faculty, staff, students, patients, visitors, contractors, and consultants of NYULH

2.0 Policy

2.1 NYULH facilities are tobacco-free. Signage (see Appendix A) prohibiting smoking is posted at all major entrances.

2.2 Use of tobacco products and smoking are prohibited:

- Inside any owned or leased NYULH facility
 - On roofs and grounds, including courtyards and gardens, of all owned and leased NYULH facility
 - In front of buildings and on the sidewalks of all owned and leased NYULH facility
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- Within 25 feet of any entrance to or exit from an NYULH facility

3.0 Rationale

As a world-class, patient-centered, integrated academic health system, NYULH has implemented a tobacco-free policy. Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death, resulting in more than 5 million deaths per year worldwide [1]. In the United States, tobacco use leads to one in five deaths annually, costing an estimated \$193 billion [2].

4.0 Tobacco cessation program

- The Tobacco Cessation Program is available to all NYULH employees at no cost. The program is managed through the Joan and Joel Smilow Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Prevention Center of the Rusk Institute.
- All employees, patients, and visitors can call the NYULH Smokers' Quitline, 855-NYU-QUIT (698-7848) for additional information on tobacco cessation programs.

5.0 Procedure

- All faculty and staff are expected to help maintain this policy by courteously informing anyone who appears to be unaware of the tobacco free facility policy.
- If any employee is found using tobacco products or e-cigarettes, the employee shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.
- If a patient or visitor is found using tobacco products or e-cigarettes in a patient care area, the patient/visitor shall be reminded of the policy and tobacco product(s) or e-cigarettes shall be removed from the patient/visitor. The products may be given to family to take home or inventoried as personal property and locked on the unit. If necessary, Security may be called to perform a property search.
- Additional information regarding this policy is available through Employee Relations at 212-404-3857. At NYU Langone Hospital – Long Island (NYULH-LI), call Community Outreach at 516-663-2609.
- For patient information, contact Patient Relations at 212-263-6906. At NYULH-LI call 516-663-9454.

References:

1. World Health Organization. [WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic, 2009](#). Geneva: World Health Organization, 2008 [accessed 2011 May].

2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [Smoking - Attributable Mortality, Years of Potential Life Lost, and Productivity Losses United States, 2000-2004](#). Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report 2008;57(45):1226–8 [accessed 2011 May].

Appendix A	Tobacco Free signage
Issue date	03/2021
Replaces	11/2019
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Summary of Revisions

Revision date	Section	Changes
March 2021	Throughout	Changes NYU Winthrop to NYU Langone Hospital-Long Island
October 2019	Purpose	Changes New York State and New York City to applicable state and local
	1.0 and 2.0	Splits “Policy and Application” into 2 sections Incorporates Winthrop and NYU Long Island School of Medicine
	5.0	Removes designated areas for tobacco use
	6.0	Adds phone numbers for NYU Winthrop Community Outreach and Patient Relations
	Reviewed by	Adds review by NYU Winthrop Hospital
August 2017	Throughout	Updates logo and organizational references
	1.0	Adds reference to no smoking signage
February 2017	Application	Changes NYULMC to NYU Langone
	1.0	Defines NYU Langone
November 2016	1.0 and 5.0	Distinguishes e-cigarettes from tobacco products

	Reviewed by:	Adds review by Lutheran Safety Officer, and HJD, NYU Lutheran, and NYU LFHC EOC Committees.
September 2016	1.0	Updates the prohibitive distance to 25 feet
	Appendix A	Adds Tobacco Free signage
February 2016	5.0	Clarifies tobacco products to include electronic cigarettes Adds Patient Relations contact information

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We Care About Your Health



**All NYU Langone Health facilities
and outdoor premises are
tobacco and e-cigarette free.
No smoking or vaping permitted.**

For Help Quitting: 855.NYU.QUIT
(855.698.7848)

