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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 15, 2017

TO: CSUB Campus Community

FROM: Horace Mitchell, Ph.D. 
President

SUBJECT: New CSU Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Policy

California State University Chancellor Timothy P. White has issued Executive Order 1108 which requires all CSU campuses to become smoke-free and tobacco-free effective September 1, 2017. A copy of the executive order is available at <http://www.calstate.edu/eo/eo-1108.html>.

In recent years, CSU Bakersfield has limited smoking to designated campus locations. Those locations will be removed effective **September 1**.

According to Executive Order 1108, “smoke free” means the use of cigarettes, pipes, cigars, and other “smoke” emanating products, including e-cigarettes, vapor devices, and other like products are prohibited. The order also prohibits the use of smokeless tobacco, snuffs, and other tobacco products.

For the past three months, a task force of faculty, staff, administrators, and students have been working to develop a campus policy as well as recommendations for campus implementation of the executive order that aligns with guidance provided by a system-wide task force.

In the coming weeks, CSUB will promote compliance by implementing educational campaigns, outreach, communications, and the promotion of tobacco cessation treatment programs that will assist people in quitting smoking completely or help them adhere to the smoke-free and tobacco-free policy.

To get started right away on your Tobacco Cessation Program, you can access the following information:

[Staff & Faculty](#)

- Utilize our Employee Assistance Plan (EAP) through Life Matters by Empathia: 1-800-367-7474 or mylifematters.com
- Utilize benefits under your personal medical plan
- Utilize the smoking cessation support group through our Student Health Services

Students

- Utilize options provided through Student Health Services on campus

CSU Bakersfield is committed to a healthy and pleasant environment where everyone who works and studies at our campus can breathe freely. This change in policy is an important action that will result in a healthier environment for our entire campus community.