

MONTCLAIR

STATE UNIVERSITY

Tobacco-Free Policy	
Responsible Office:	Student Development Campus Life
Policy Summary:	The purpose of this Policy is to ensure compliance with current state law prohibiting smoking and/or the use of tobacco, vapes or similar products inside any campus building.
Effective Date:	
Last Revision Date:	06/16/2026

I. Purpose

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II. Applicability

This Policy applies to all students, employees, and guests of Montclair State University.

III. Definitions (as applicable)

Tobacco Product refers to any substance containing tobacco leaf, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, hookah tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, blunts, clove cigarettes, or any other preparation of tobacco; and any product or formulation of matter containing biologically active amounts of nicotine that is manufactured, sold, offered for sale, or otherwise distributed with the expectation that the product or matter will be introduced into the human body by inhalation, ingestion, or absorption; but does not include any cessation product specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.

IV. Policy

Current state law and University policy prohibits smoking and/or use of tobacco, vapes or similar products inside any campus building. Cannabis possession and use is strictly prohibited under both state and federal law.

Effective Tuesday, September 1, 2020, for the Montclair campus and December 1, 2022 for the Bloomfield campus, use of all tobacco products are prohibited on-campus.

The University implemented a phased Tobacco Free Campus Policy in spring 2017 due to documented health risks associated with tobacco products, both for the individual user and those affected by secondhand smoke. Accordingly, the Montclair campus is fully smoke-free, tobacco-free and vapor-free as of September 1, 2020 and the Bloomfield campus as of September 1, 2024, to sustain a healthy campus environment. Smoking and the use of tobacco and nicotine products* shall be prohibited outdoors on all campus property, including, but not limited to, parking lots, paths, fields, and sports/recreational areas, as well as in all personal vehicles while on campus. This includes any product that is classified as tobacco by the FDA but does not include cessation products specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and other persons on campus, regardless of the purpose for their visit.

University community members share the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Violators will be reminded of the policy and asked to dispose of the tobacco/vape/nicotine product. An educational approach will be used to enforce this policy. This means mechanisms of education and encouragement. Campus community members, if they feel comfortable, may verbally remind violators of the policy. Individuals noticing violations of the policy should be respectful to tobacco users when communicating the policy. Any individual who fails to comply with state and/or federal law (ie: smoking indoors) is subject to a fine as determined by the local court where the summons is filed.

Examples of Restricted Products

Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems

- E-Cigarettes
- Vapor products and vaporizers (including JUUL)
- Dry herbs and wax
- E-Liquids

Cigarettes

- Cloves
- Bidis
- Kreteks

Oral tobacco – loose leaf plug or twist

- Smokeless
- Spit and spitless
- Snuff
- Dip

- Chew

Pipes

Cigars, Cigarillos and Little Cigars

Waterpipes, including hookah

Dissolvable tobacco

V. Procedure (as applicable)

VI. References

[Student Code of Conduct](#)

[NJ Quitline](#) is a free, confidential 24/7 phone and online support service for New Jersey residents aged 13 and older who want to quit smoking or vaping.

[EX Program](#) EX Program is the go-to guide on your journey to quit smoking, vaping, and tobacco. You get science-backed, 24/7 support from experts and experienced quitters – all for free.