

Dear Veteran:

The Tomah VA Medical Center is changing our smoking policy to further our commitment to provide a safe and healthy environment for patients, visitors, vendors, volunteers, contractors and employees. The policy covers all smoking material including but not limited to:

- Cigarettes
- Cigars
- Pipes
- any other combustion of tobacco
- non-Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), including but not limited to electronic or e-cigarettes, vape pens, or e-cigars.

Beginning October 1, 2019, Smoking will no longer be permitted on the Tomah VA campus for patients, visitors, contractors, volunteers, and vendors.

You are strongly encouraged to leave all smoking materials at home. To reduce the risk of ignition near oxygen or other flammable gases used in our facility, some areas may require materials to be stored during your visit.

We offer smoking cessation treatment services for Veterans. If you would like more information about smoking cessation, please contact your Primary Care Team.

Thank you for serving our country and allowing us to care for you.

Karen Long, MSN, RN

Acting Medical Center Director