

Date

Name

Title

Address

Denver, CO 80204

Dear (personalize with name),

To promote a healthy environment for our patients, employees, and visitors, Denver Health is taking an important step in joining all Denver hospitals in implementing a tobacco free policy. This policy will take effect November 20.

The tobacco free policy will prohibit all tobacco use on the grounds, parking lots, structures and ramps owned, operated, leased or maintained by Denver Health. This policy also prohibits the use of tobacco products in vehicles owned by Denver Health as well as any personal vehicle parked on Denver Health property. The policy applies to everyone who visits any Denver Health facility, including patients, guests, employees, volunteers, vendors and contractors.

In accordance with Denver City Ordinance #436, smoking will also be prohibited on the public right-of-ways (sidewalks, tree lawns and alleys) adjoining Denver Health owned and leased property.

Our goal is to provide a healthy environment while serving as a leader to promote the health of our community. Denver Health is committed to providing support services to patients, employees and visitors to assist them in complying with this new policy.

We are aware that some of our employees who want to use tobacco products may leave our property to do so. We are advising our staff not to do this and have disciplinary protocol in place for managerial enforcement. As your property is adjacent to property owned or leased by Denver Health, we would like to provide you with a point of contact should you have any questions, concerns or problems with this new policy. John Thompson, associate chief operations officer, is available at 303-436-6051, or via e-mail John.Thompson@dhha.org, to assist you with Denver Health's new tobacco free policy. Your help and support with this initiative is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Christopher E. Urbina, M.D., MPH
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