



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Dear Business Owner,

As of July 1, 2024, the Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA) will prohibit the use of electronic smoking devices, or ESDs, (i.e., electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, etc.) in virtually all indoor public places across Maryland. The updates to the CIAA prohibit all ESD use, **including products derived from tobacco, cannabis, or hemp**, in the same public, indoor places where smoking of cigarettes and other lit tobacco and cannabis products is already prohibited. While many Maryland businesses have already updated their own policies to prohibit these products, as of July 1, 2024 **all** covered businesses will have to comply with the new requirements.

What does this mean for you?

As a business you help maintain a safe workplace and retail environment for all Marylanders. The updated CIAA ensures that indoor, public places across Maryland remain smoke- and vape-free and will continue to protect our residents from secondhand smoke and vape exposure.

ALL covered businesses must **post signs** indicating that “No smoking or vaping” is allowed indoors. Post updated signs within your building and near all entrances. Sample signs may be found and downloaded at: <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OEHFP/EH/Pages/clean-indoor-act.aspx>

Here are some other steps you can take:

- Update your company policies and staff training, as needed, to comply with new laws
- Educate customers and members of the public with free resources
- Report violations by calling 1-866-703-3266 or contacting your local health department
- Offer cessation support and educational resources to staff interested in quitting tobacco use from the Maryland Tobacco Quitline (smokingstopshere.com)

Marylanders under the age of 16 have never been exposed to secondhand smoke in indoor public places, and now all Marylanders will benefit from reduced exposure to secondhand smoke and vape. Help us keep employees and residents safe from secondhand smoke and vape exposure and continue to protect public health. For more information, contact the Environmental Health Bureau helpline at 1-866-703- 3266, or by email at mdh.envhealth@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Laura Herrera Scott, MD, MPH
Secretary, Maryland Department of Health

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Postcard - Smoke-/Vape-Free bars and Restaurants