

# Administrator Alert

*Policy updates & rule clarifications for Assisted Living,  
Residential Care & Nursing Facilities*

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## **Opportunities for SPD Licensed Nursing Facilities to Receive Support to Promote Tobacco Cessation with Residents and Staff**

Dear Administrator: Please be aware of surveys that will be conducted by the Public Health Division to guide the development of tobacco cessation supports for facilities.

**Action Required:** Telephone survey that will take approximately ten minutes. **A representative from the Public Health Division will contact the facility administrator or designee within the next few days.**

Many facilities are interested in ways to help residents quit smoking because quitting can improve resident and staff health, and can also reduce facility costs, since smoke-free facilities often have lower insurance premiums.

We hope many community-based facilities will take this opportunity to share information with Public Health, and to learn more about smoking cessation resources in Oregon. Furthermore, staff from Public Health will send interested facilities free cessation resources for residents!

*Note: The goal of this Public Health initiative is the generation of effective tobacco cessation supports for licensed long-term care facilities to promote health for residents and staff; **these activities are not required for regulatory compliance.***

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