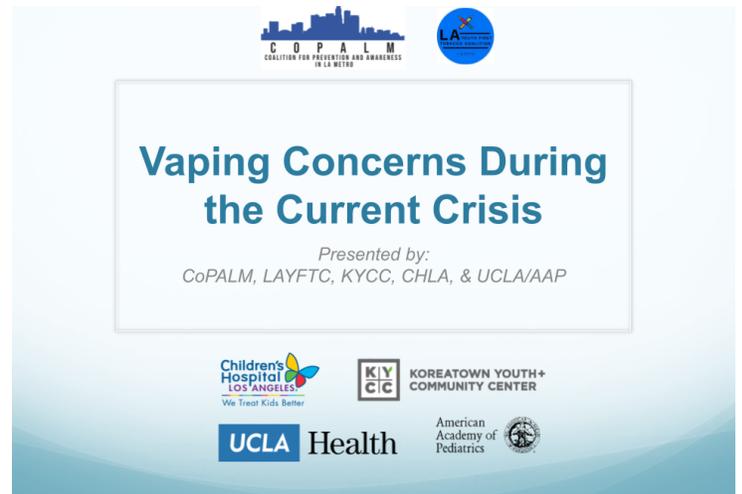


THE LAYFTC POST

Citywide Ban of Flavored Tobacco Products Took Effect in Culver City

The ordinance the City Council of Culver City adopted in October from last year took effect on May 25, 2020. Now all tobacco retailers, except tobacco shops, are prohibited from selling flavored tobacco products. The ban prohibits the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including flavored liquid products and menthol. However, the flavor ban does not apply to lounges such as the Hookah Lounge in Culver City.

The tobacco industry targets menthol advertising at young people. Of young people (12-17 years old) who smoke, 57% smoke menthols. This is a direct result of the industry's predatory marketing practices. With their colorful packaging and sweet flavors, flavored tobacco products are often hard to distinguish from the candy displays in retail outlets.



LAYFTC Co-Hosts Online Vaping Community Forum

By Jaime Flores

On May 21, 2020, the Coalition for Prevention and Awareness in LA Metro collaborated with the Los Angeles Youth First Tobacco Coalition. They hosted a Community Forum: Vaping Concerns During The Current Crisis from 4:30 to 6 p.m. via Zoom. The forum was combined with speakers Nancy K. Hernandez (MSW) from Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Jason Malenfant (MD) from the American Academy of Pediatrics and UCLA Health, and first-generation graduate from the University of California, Irvine Hilcia Guerra. During the virtual community forum, speakers discussed and addressed vaping trends and impacts, the potential implications COVID-19 has on individuals who smoke and vape, and how parents, youth, and young adults can navigate through this challenging time using other coping methods.

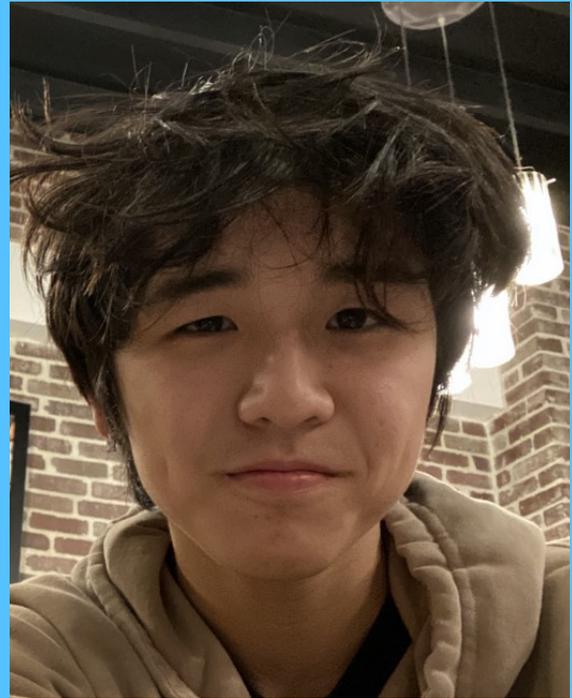
"As per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and most recently in January 2020, 2,711 cases of hospitalized EVALI or deaths were reported by all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 2 U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands)," said Jason H. Malenfant MD, UCLA/AAP



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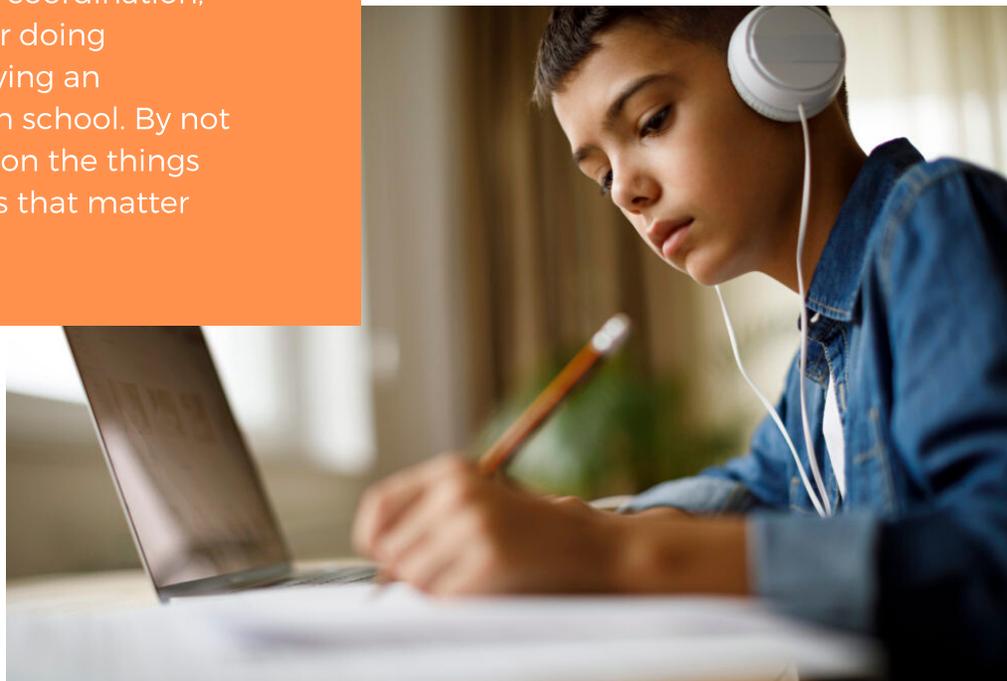
[Catch Info- Free lessons on educating kids aged 10-18 on e-cigarettes](#)

I am a senior at Larchmont Charter High School. I joined the LAYFTC because I thought it was important to take action against the cruel and unfair distributions of tobacco products to impoverished neighborhoods. I think that LAYFTC is a great way to learn about the detrimental effects that tobacco have on the youth, as well as an opportunity to change the allocation of tobacco through activism. I hope that we can bring positive change in Los Angeles.

THE EFFECTS OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS ON HEALTH AND PERFORMANCE

Tobacco can affect every aspect of your life.

If you're an artist, an athlete, or a student, you should know tobacco use can impact how well you do the things you enjoy doing. That's because tobacco products can affect your reaction time, coordination, and memory. This is particularly true for doing everyday things you love to do, like playing an instrument, biking, and even learning in school. By not using tobacco products, you can focus on the things that bring you joy and on the moments that matter the most.



Impairs skills requiring eye-hand coordination and a fast reaction time.



Reduces motor coordination, balance, tracking ability and perceptual accuracy.



Impairs learning, memory and concentration.



Chronic use can cause cough, frequent respiratory infections, anxiety, panic attacks, and more.

Motor Function Performance

Mental

Risk and Health