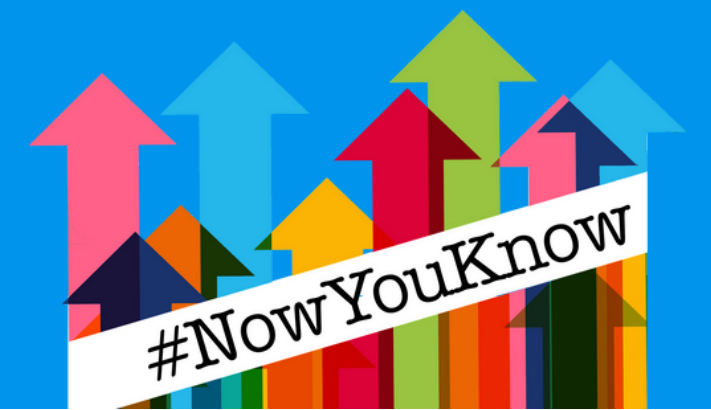




TOBACCO & ENDS IN SOUTHWEST CT



TOBACCO PRODUCTS INCLUDE CIGARETTES, SMOKELESS TOBACCO (CHEWING TOBACCO OR SNUFF), CIGARS & PIPE TOBACCOS

TOBACCO USE HAS DECREASED IN ALL AGE GROUPS IN THE PAST DECADE IN CT



2008 - 2009: 25.3% OF CT RESIDENTS USED TOBACCO PRODUCTS
2018 - 2019: 18.8% OF CT RESIDENTS USED TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Fairfield County has had 19 cases of patients hospitalized with vaping-associated lung injuries

RESOURCES & SUPPORT

[Track CT Legislation](#)

[#MentionPrevention Vaping Campaign](#)

[Stamford Youth Vaping Task Force](#)

[Cessation Programs & Info](#)



EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO USE E-CIGARETTES MAY BE MORE LIKELY TO SMOKE CIGARETTES IN THE FUTURE

99% OF E-CIGARETTES CONTAIN NICOTINE

E-CIGARETTES CAN CONTAIN HARMFUL SUBSTANCES INCLUDING DIACETYL (A CHEMICAL LINKED TO SERIOUS LUNG DISEASE), VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS, CANCER CAUSING CHEMICALS, AND HEAVY METALS (NICKLE & LEAD)

SMOKING & VAPING IS NOW EVEN MORE DANGEROUS AS IT COMPROMISES THE IMMUNE SYSTEM - A RISK FACTOR FOR CONTRACTING COVID-19

VAPING REFERS TO THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES OR ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS (ENDS) PRODUCTS INCLUDE E-HOOKAHS, VAPE PENS, E-CIGARETTES & HOOKAH PENS
ENDS CAN FACILITATE THE USE OF THC



VAPING USE IS AN EMERGING ISSUE WITH RATES CONTINUOUSLY RISING THROUGHOUT CT, INCREASING EACH YEAR SINCE 2012



2019

3.7% OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SMOKE CIGARETTES

Cigarette use in high school students has declined

27% OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SMOKE E-CIGARETTES AND VAPE

E-cigarette smoking & vaping has increased

2020

Overall rates in youth (7th - 12th grade) has decreased but up to a quarter of students has increased vaping use
More than half of these students reported vaping marijuana