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*Weekly Wednesday Update*

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To improve oral health  
in Kansas through  
advocacy,  
public awareness  
and education.*

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**Happy 4th of  
July!**

**A Call for Innovative Initiatives!**



This is an exciting opportunity to share current scientific research and/or practical applications of existing innovative programs/projects in Kansas will take place at the 2010 Oral Health Kansas Conference in December. It is intended to facilitate a shared learning process of current innovative and sustainable oral health programs. The knowledge gained, managed, interpreted, and integrated by these programs will be shared. By sharing this information with all, we hope to break the silo or compartmentalized dynamic and link the components to a larger system of good Oral Health for All Kansans.

For more information, an informational packet and registration form [CLICK HERE](#)

**Implementation of Kansas Clean Indoor  
Air Act**



The office of  
Oral Health  
Kansas will be  
closed July 5th  
in observance of  
Independence  
Day.

## Smoking and Oral Health

Smoking and other tobacco products can lead to gum disease by affecting the attachment of bone and soft tissue to your teeth. More specifically, it appears that smoking interferes with the normal function of gum tissue cells. This interference makes smokers more susceptible to infections, such as periodontal disease, and also seems to impair blood flow to the gums - which may affect wound healing.

## Ground Breaking



Wichita State

A historic public health law takes effect in Kansas on this Thursday, July 1. The Kansas Clean Indoor Air Act will prohibit indoor public smoking in bars, restaurants, public places, and some private clubs and within 10 feet of a doorway, open window or air intake. The Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition shares the following information about the benefits of the new law.

For most of us this means we can walk into restaurants, bars, workplaces or an indoor public event and not face a wave of cigarette smoke seeping into our lungs, our hair, and our clothing.

### **HEALTH BENEFIT:**

Our future in Kansas as a smoke free state includes fewer deaths from second hand smoke exposure, fewer heart attacks, fewer hospitalizations, fewer asthma attacks in children triggered by smoke, fewer cases of SIDS.

### **ECONOMIC BENEFIT:**

By reducing access to tobacco, employers reduce their risk and ultimately their premiums. Protecting all from the health risks associated with exposure to secondhand smoke.

### **CESSATION:**

Other states that have implemented smoke free laws document fewer young people who start smoking.

### **SUMMARY OF THE LAW:**

Effective July 1, 2010, smoking will be prohibited in most of the following indoor locations in Kansas:

- Public places
- Places of employment
- Restaurants
- Bars
- Within 10 feet of any doorway, open window or air intake where smoking is prohibited

### **EXEMPTIONS:**

- Tobacco shops that derive not less than 65% of gross receipts from the sale of tobacco
- Gaming floors of lottery gaming facilities or racetrack gaming facilities
- Up to 20% of hotel/motel sleeping rooms
- Designated indoor areas of private outdoor recreational clubs (i.e. golf clubs, hunting clubs) where minors are prohibited
- Private homes or residences not used as a day care home
- Designated smoking areas of adult care homes and long-term care facilities
- Class A and B private clubs licensed before January 1, 2009 if a request to remain a smoking establishment is approved prior to September 28, 2010

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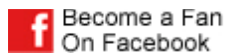
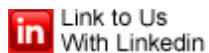
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