

# COATC Tobacco Free Campus Policy

## OBJECTIVE:

- Implement a policy that prohibits the use of tobacco products on Port Authority-owned property at the COATC Campus.
- Provision of a consistent tobacco free policy, across all employers, that encompasses the entire COATC campus.

## POLICY:

- Beginning May 31, 2008, the use of tobacco products is prohibited in all indoor and outdoor areas of the COATC Campus. Under O.A.C. 3701-52-06(C), failure to comply with this policy may result in a penalty as established by state law or under employer-enforced policies.
- The COATC Campus is defined as any areas where property is owned by the Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority, including vacant properties, walking path, and other non-leased areas. A current map of subject areas will be maintained at [hnlcpa.com/policy](http://hnlcpa.com/policy).
- The placement of ashtrays and other smoking receptacles is prohibited in all indoor and outdoor areas of the campus.
- Signs shall be posted at the entrances to the campus and at all facilities, buildings and structures located on the campus. The "No Smoking" signs shall include a toll free telephone number for the purpose of reporting a potential violation.
- Under state law, all employers must enact a personnel smoking policy. The Port Authority will include a tobacco free policy in its Employee Manual and encourage all COATC employers to do the same.
- The Port Authority will not retaliate against an employee, applicant for employment, or customer because that person attempts to prosecute a violation, or exercises any rights under the policies of the Port Authority.
- Each COATC employer is responsible for policing the actions of their employees, contractors and visitors for the purpose of complying with this policy.

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Rick Platt, Executive Director

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