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Quarterly Coalition Meeting!

Hello everyone; W3TFL will be meeting quarterly in 2016. The dates are listed below so mark your calendars!

- **Thursday December 15th 10:00 AM**

**The meeting will be held at the Polk County Public Health Department. 100 Polk County Plaza Balsam Lake WI 54810*

City Council Approves Tobacco-Free Baseball in Nation's Capital

Statement of Matthew L. Myers, President, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As the Washington Nationals lead in the National League Division Series, our nation's capital has sent a strong message to the rest of the country that it's time to take tobacco out of baseball once and for all. The D.C. City Council today approved an ordinance ending the use of all tobacco products – including smokeless tobacco like chew, dip and snuff – at all organized sporting events within the city, including at Nationals Park.

The City Council will vote on the ordinance again in November before it goes to Mayor Muriel Bowser for her signature. When finalized, Washington, D.C., will join five Major League cities and the state of California in making baseball tobacco-free.

A positive step forward, today's vote sends a simple and powerful message to kids: Baseball and tobacco don't mix. Our national pastime should be about promoting a healthy and active lifestyle, not a deadly and addictive product. Today's vote also provides further momentum for the nationwide campaign to take tobacco out of baseball for the sake of kids, the players and the future of the game.

We applaud Councilmember Yvette Alexander for stepping up to the plate for this important legislation and protecting our children's health.

San Francisco, Boston, Los Angeles, Chicago and New York have enacted laws prohibiting tobacco use at sports venues, including their professional baseball stadiums. A statewide law in California will take effect before the 2017 season. Once all of these laws are implemented, one-third of Major League stadiums will be tobacco-free. Legislation is currently under consideration in Toronto and the state of Minnesota.

As more cities become tobacco-free, it's time for Major League Baseball and its players to accept the inevitable, set the right example for kids and promptly agree to prohibit smokeless tobacco use at all Major League ballparks.

Other Tobacco Products (OTPs) Presentations

If your organization/group is interested in learning more about other tobacco products (OTPs), please contact Mary. We would love to come and do a presentation to spread the word!

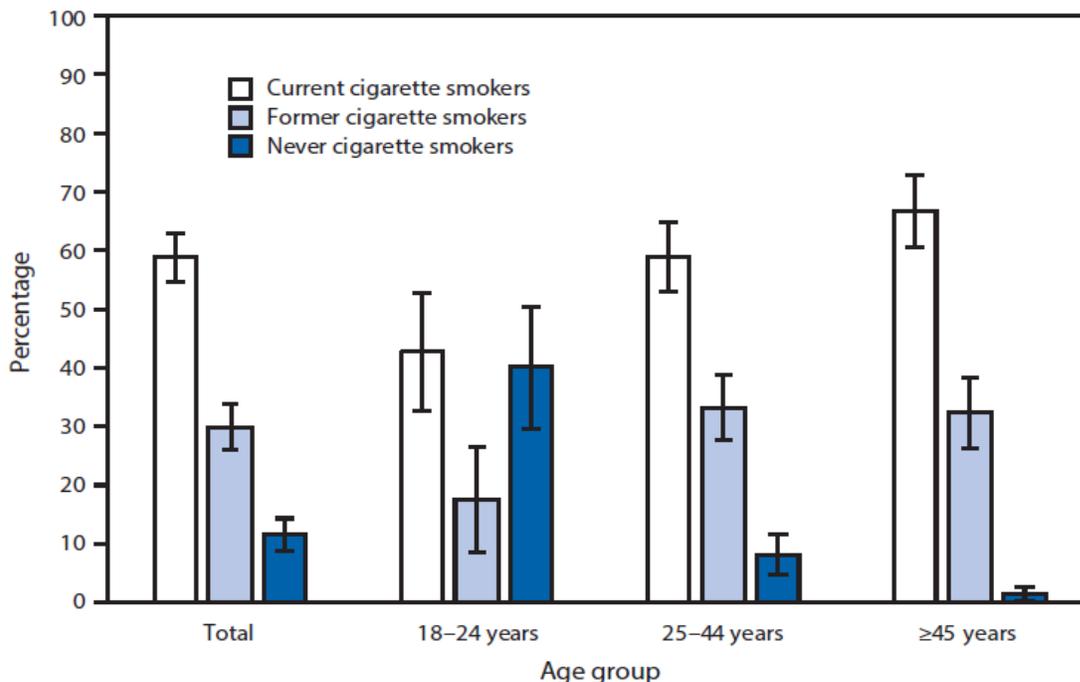
New information from a CDC MMWR on cigarette and e-cigarette usage!

There are several interesting findings, including:

- In 2015, Among adult e-cigarette users overall, 58.8% also were current cigarette smokers
- Among current e-cigarette users aged ≥ 45 years, 98.7% were either current or former cigarette smokers
- In contrast to the above number, among current e-cigarette users aged 18–24 years, 40.0% had never been cigarette smokers.

For more information, CDC recommends the following Web link regarding dual use of tobacco products: <http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/diseases/dualtobacco-use.html>.

Cigarette Smoking Status* Among Current Adult E-cigarette Users,[†] by Age Group — National Health Interview Survey,[§] United States, 2015



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