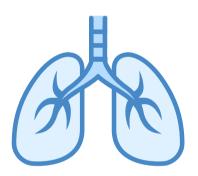


# COVID-19 AND TOBACCO USE

#### What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a lung illness caused by a type of coronavirus. It spreads when someone who is infected coughs or sneezes and the droplets land in the mouths or noses of others nearby. 2

### **COVID-19 and Commercial Tobacco Use**



Commercial tobacco use can cause health illnesses like lung injuries. Smokers who already have health injuries like lung disease are more in danger of getting sick with COVID-19.3 Vaping can cause longer times to recover from lung illness.4

More families are staying at home together to stop the virus from spreading.



For families who live with a smoker, they are in more danger of breathing secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke can cause serious illnesses such as lung cancer, asthma, and heart disease.<sup>5</sup>



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### **Resources for Quitting**

If you or someone you know wants to quit, there is free help available.

For help in Asian languages, call Asian Smokers' Quitline (ASQ)

Chinese 請立即撥打 1-800-838-8917 獲得免費戒煙協助 Korean 지금 1-800-556-5564로 전화하시고 무료 금연 서비 스를 받으십시오.

Vietnamese Xin gọi 1-800-778-8440 ngay và nhận được các dịch vụ cai thuốc lá miễn phí



National Texting Program (English only)
This Is Quitting by Truth Initiative
Text DITCHJUUL to 88709
For more info, visit:

truthinitiative.org/thisisquitting

CDC Tips Campaign
Visit cdc.gov/tips for more info

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