

## TOBACCO FACTS for SCIOTO COUNTY

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### Smoking Causes Early Death!

- Smoking is the **#1 cause of early preventable death** in the U.S. <sup>1</sup>
- About **1 in 3 cases of cancer** is caused by tobacco use. <sup>3</sup>
- Smokers are **4 times as likely to die of heart disease** than non-smokers. <sup>11</sup>
- Smokers are **25 times as likely to die of lung cancer** than non-smokers. <sup>11</sup>
- Smokers are **12 times as likely to die of COPD** than non-smokers. <sup>11</sup>
- Life expectancy for smokers is **at least 10 years shorter** than for non-smokers. <sup>1</sup>

### Scioto County has High Rates of Smoking and Cancer!

- **1 in 4 (25%) of adults in Scioto County smoke**, compared to 19.3% in Ohio and 17% in the U.S. <sup>4,14</sup>
- **Scioto County has a higher cancer incidence rate** (494.5 cases per 100,000 people) than Ohio (461.6) or the U.S. (439.2) <sup>3</sup>
- **Scioto County has a higher cancer mortality rate** (196.4 deaths per 100,000) than Ohio (178.9) or the U.S. (163.5) <sup>3</sup>

### Smoking Hurts Babies and Children!

- Smoking during pregnancy **increases risk for stillbirth, pre-term delivery, low birth weight, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), and cleft lip/cleft palate** <sup>11</sup>
- Tobacco smoke contains over **7000 chemicals**. Over **700 are toxic** and over **70 cause cancer**. <sup>12</sup>
- If you smoke around kids, they **can inhale the equivalent to 102 packs of cigarettes by age 5**. <sup>12</sup>
- Secondhand smoke causes more frequent and **severe asthma attacks, ear infections, bronchitis, and pneumonia** in children. <sup>12</sup>

### Tobacco Addiction Starts Early!

- On average, **Ohio children try smoking for the first time at age 12-1/2 years**. <sup>6</sup>
- Over **40% of Ohio high school students** have tried e-cigarettes. <sup>5</sup>
- Over **90% of adult smokers started smoking before age 18**. <sup>7</sup>

### Smoking Is Expensive!

- A 1-pack-a-day smoker in Scioto County spends over **\$2800/year** on cigarettes. Over 20 years, this adds up to **over \$57,000!**
- **15% of Medicaid costs** are attributed to cigarette smoking. <sup>10</sup>
- **46% of working-age Ohio Medicaid enrollees** are current smokers. <sup>10</sup>
- Cutting smoking by just 1% per year could save Ohio taxpayers **\$60 million/year**. <sup>10</sup>

### Want to Quit? Help is Available!

- **Most adult smokers** (almost 7 in 10) say they **want to quit**. <sup>13</sup>
- Medicaid programs in Ohio **cover smoking-cessation medications**.

**Call the OHIO TOBACCO QUIT LINE AT 1-800-QUIT-NOW for free help!**

**For more information and sources of data, see these online resources.**

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