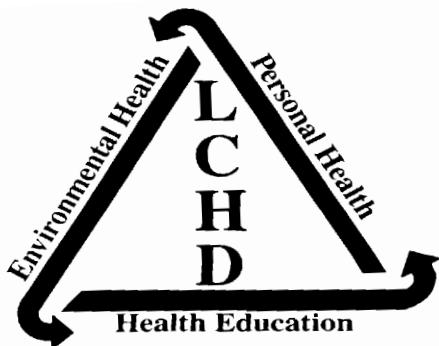


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"World No Tobacco Day"

Ottawa, IL – The LaSalle County Health Department would like to announce that Saturday, May 31st is World No Tobacco Day. The ultimate goal of this years campaign is to contribute to protecting present and future generations not only from the devastating health consequences due to tobacco, but also from the social, environmental and economic detriments of tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke. The tobacco industry addicts more than over 2,000 youth everyday and one in three of them will die prematurely because of tobacco. And while millions of people are dying, Big Tobacco is raking in billions and billions of dollars.

The LaSalle County Health Department would like to encourage everyone to join in on the campaign against smoking, which is the most preventable cause of death in the United States today. Over 480,000 deaths annually in the U.S. are directly related to smoking according to the American Cancer Society. One of every five deaths is attributed to the effects of smoking.

Now is the time to quit smoking. The Illinois Department of Public Health has a Tobacco Quitline that you can call for help. The number is 1-866 Quit-Yes that's 1-866-784-8937. For more information on how to quit smoking, or for some quit tips you can also call the Health Department (815) 433-3366. You can also visit our website at www.lasallecountyil.gov or like us on facebook and X.

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