HEALTHY SCHOOLS SAMPLE ACTION PLAN ACTIVITIES (SAPA) Tobacco & Vaping Education and Awareness

Secondary Schools 2022-2023

CURRICULUM, TEACHING & LEARNING

Walking the Talk - A Toolkit for Engaging Youth with Mental Health: How youth engagement can directly benefit youth and reduce substance use and smoking.

Health Canada - Vaping and the Consequences: Learn about hidden facts, health effects, cost, peer pressure and nicotine.

Lung Foundation - Talking About Series: Addresses cannabis, tobacco, vaping and water pipes to help facilitate critical discussion in a fun and informative manner.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada: Position Statement on E-Cigarettes in Canada

SCHOOL & CLASSROOM LEADERSHIP

Contact your Healthy School Champion to request support with the following:

Lung Health Foundation - Train the Trainer E-Modules on Health Promotion, Youth Advocacy and Vaping: Supports older students in engaging their younger peers in understanding tobacco prevention through these easy interactive online e-modules.

Campaign for Tobacco-Free
Kids - Take Down Tobacco Day:
Students can collaborate with their teachers to organize a *Take Down Tobacco Day* to raise awareness of the problem of tobacco use in their community and speak out against the tobacco industry.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit - Not an Experiment:

A digital toolkit to educate and build capacity among educators and youth champions about vaping. Champions will also be empowered to engage youth in an interactive and educational Escape Room-style activity. Available in **French**.

Canada - National Non-Smoking
Week (3rd week in January): Have
students develop their own tobacco
and vaping awareness campaigns
during these national holidays. World
No Tobacco Day (May 31).

Truth Initiative - The Truth
Campaign: Students can show their
support for tobacco prevention
through a variety of ways. Learn more
about mental health, vaping, social

SOCIAL & PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS

Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017: York Region Tobacco & Electronic

Cigarette Control Officers conduct enforcement visits to monitor compliance under this act.

Convictions and Smoking Laws:

Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette
To report a complaint, contact York
Region Health Connection at 1-800361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 or
email: health.inspectors@york.ca

York Catholic District School
Board: Tobacco-Free and Electronic
Cigarette Policy.

York Region District School
Board Policies: Tobacco-Free and
Electronic Cigarette Policy.
World Health Organization Environmental Impact of Tobacco:

HOME, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Health Canada - Talking with Your Teen About Vaping: A tip sheet for parents by Health Canada.

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health - What Parents Need to Know About Teen Risk Taking: Strategies for reducing problems related to alcohol, other drugs, gambling and internet use.

York Region Public Health - Vaping & E-Cigarettes Resources: Learn about what vaping is through this YRDSB & YR Public Health Educational Video and the health concerns, regulation and control of these vaping products.

York Region Public Health - Smoking and Youth Resources:

TOBACCO FREE LIVING PROGRAM (TFL)

eDocs #: 14154492 Last Updated: 8/23/2022

Contact: tobaccofreeliving@york.ca



Girls, Smoking and Stress: A facilitator's guide on girl's empowerment, with topics on tobacco use, physical inactivity, links to stress and starting a conversation about smoking. Available in French.

Ontario Physical Health and Education Association: Grade by grade tobacco curriculum support resources for the Health and Physical Education curriculum. Available in French.

Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS): A Canadian survey that demonstrates the trends in student substance use and mental and physical health.

Centre for Addiction and Mental

Health - Vaping: What secondary school educators need to know:
General information about vaping, associated risks, resources to support educators in having informed conversations with students and direct links to the Ontario Physical and Health Education Curriculum.

Health Canada - Youth Zone: A website for youth on tobacco facts, marketing, and cessation.

justice, and tobacco and the environment.

Youth Now - Prevention Coalition: Youth led initiative that is guided by ongoing conversations with youth and community partners.

Canadian Mental Health
Association - Choices Program:
Encourages youth (12 to 17) to make informed decisions and to promote positive choices. Topics may include communication, decision making, goal setting, refusal skills, coping strategies, tobacco, and taking risks.

Centre for Addiction and Mental health – Vaping: What you and your friends need to know: Youth focused information about vaping, associated risks, and additional curriculum supported resources to assist youth in making informed decisions.

An overview of how tobacco threatens many of earth's resources.

Tobacco-Free Life – Smoking Environmental Risks: explains the negative influence that these products have on our planet.

For parents and teachers to gain more information about the patterns of tobacco use among youth and how to address this issue.

Lung Health Foundation QUASH: A free smoking and vaping cessation program for youth and emerging adults (ages 14-30), that makes it easy to build a custom plan for quitting. Co-designed with youth and available across Canada in English and French.