

## Temporary Smoke-free Campus

For the duration of the 2020-2021 academic year, effective immediately, Augustana College property will be smoke-free. For the purpose of this policy, smoking includes using vapes and Juul. In review of guidance from the CDC, this decision is grounded in four recommendations.

- First, air circulation and HVAC recommendations from the CDC call for doors and windows to be open whenever possible and when safe to do so to increase natural air circulation. Therefore, with more windows open across campus, this decision reduces the likelihood that smoke will drift into buildings.
- Second, the smoking receptacles used at Augustana College during normal times lend themselves to the natural gathering of people. This decision to ban smoking from campus during the pandemic is in part due to our physical distancing policy and the need for everyone to remain 6 feet apart.
- Third, in conjunction with being near others using the smoking receptacles, people smoking will not be wearing masks. Smoking and vaping results in the expulsion of respiratory droplets, which is how the virus is transmitted.
- Fourth, the CDC discusses that being a current or even former smoker can increase the risk of severe illness. It is also known that vaping is an important risk factor for severe COVID-19 illness in young adults.

Until further notice, no use of cigarettes, vapes, Juul or any other vapor/smoking device is allowed on Augustana College property.

Augustana College asks that all community members share in the adherence and enforcement of this temporary smoking ban. If necessary, a report can be filed through the Reporting Incidents form. Community members who still have a desire to smoke may do so in public easements adjacent to campus. Particular recommended areas include:

- corner of 7th Avenue and 34th Street
- corner of 12th Avenue and 31st Street
- corner of 12th Avenue and 35th Street
- corner of 11th Avenue and 38th Street
- corner of 7th Avenue and 38th Street
- corner of 6th Avenue and 34th Street
- corner of 9th Avenue and 30th Street

