

Dear Kentucky Cancer Consortium Partners:

The Kentucky Cancer Consortium (KCC) is pleased to provide you with a **Policy-Focused December 18, 2019** issue of “Wednesday’s Word.” You may read archived editions on [our website](#). If your organization has a cancer-related item for Wednesday's Word or someone wants to be added to Wednesday’s Word, feel free to contact Elaine Russell at Elaine.Russell@uky.edu

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Sincerely, Kentucky Cancer Consortium Staff



CATEGORY	TITLE
State Policies being considered in Kentucky’s 2020 General Assembly	<p>Tobacco 21 - Raise the minimum legal sale age for all tobacco products to 21 years. (BR 967) Sen. Alvarado</p> <p>Tobacco Tax- A state excise tax on electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS, or e-cigarettes) and heated tobacco products at a rate of 27.5 percent of the wholesale price, which is equivalent to the current Kentucky excise tax on cigarettes. (BR 32) Rep. Miller</p> <p>Tobacco Free – Tobacco Control Program Funding- Seeking a \$7 million increase (from \$3-10 million) in prevention and cessation funding</p> <p>Healthy Eating and Active Living – Strengthen nutrition, physical activity and screen time standards in early childcare facilities</p> <p>Colon Cancer Screening Sustain funding for the Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program at \$1 million.</p> <p>Public Health Transformation – Focused on public health department funding (BR 269) Rep. Moser</p>
National Policy News	<p>Lifesaving Colorectal Cancer Bill Passes the U.S. House</p> <p>The U.S. House of Representatives just passed legislation to close the colorectal cancer loophole related to Medicare. This policy addresses the cost-sharing for a colonoscopy when a doctor removes a polyp and patients end up with surprise bills for preventive colonoscopies. The next step is for the legislation to be considered in the Senate.</p>
News Conference and Rally: Tobacco-Free Schools	<p>Coalition for a Smoke-Free Tomorrow</p> <p>Answers to Kentucky's Youth Vaping Epidemic: A rally for laws to protect youth from tobacco!</p>

	<p>Tuesday, January 14, 2020 Capitol Rotunda, Frankfort, KY 10 am – 11am EST</p> <p>www.smokefreetomorrow.org</p>
<p>Advocacy Days at the Capitol in Frankfort</p>	<p>The American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology, Kentucky Chapter, and the American Lung Association are hosting an Advocacy Day at the Capitol in Frankfort</p> <p>Thursday, February 13, 2019 Capitol Annex Room 346, Frankfort, KY 8am – approximately 12:30 pm EST</p> <p>Meet in Capitol Annex Room 346 for a light breakfast and an issues briefing. Registration Required: Register here</p> <p>Plan to arrive early to allow time to park in Visitor Garage and then pass through Security at the front door of the Capitol Annex Building with a valid photo.</p> <p>The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network is hosting an Advocacy Day at the Capitol in Frankfort</p> <p>Thursday, February 20th. Register here.</p> <p>For more information, contact Olivia Sievert, olivia.sievert@cancer.org</p>