Do We Want a Campus-Wide Ban on Smoking/Vaping?

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What We Have Now

Currently, you are not allowed to smoke or vape inside any Cornell building or within 25 feet of the entrance to any Cornell building.

This is Policy 8.7.

Basically NYS Law
Background

The University Assembly has a multiyear history associated with trying to do this.

It looks like there will be a campus-wide survey this fall that will assess how employees, students, and faculty think about this.

Let’s get ready...
Cornell is committed to maintaining a healthy and safe learning, working and living environment for all members and guests of our community. It therefore is the policy of Cornell University that all smoking and tobacco use (including the use of smokeless tobacco) is prohibited in all University buildings and facilities and on Cornell property, including but not limited to outdoor spaces (such as the Arts Quad, East Avenue, Lib Slope etc.), as well as parking lots, paths, fields, sports/recreational areas, and stadiums.

(Modelled after the University of Pennsylvania campus smoking ban.)
A webpage has been set up for the sharing of views with these “teaser questions”.

1. What is your opinion of the current policy on smoking and vaping?

2. Why do you think it is a good/bad idea to ban smoking and vaping across the campus?

3. If a campus-wide ban is adopted, then are the cessation services rendered by Cornell Health and the Wellness Program adequate? If not, suggest improvements.