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Massachusetts Health Officers Association

Massachusetts Hospital Association

Massachusetts League of Community Health
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Massachusetts Municipal Association

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Tobacco Free Mass Convenes "Becoming Tobacco-Free Symposium" for 100 College and University Administrators and Students:
Dr. Howard Koh, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Deliver Keynote

Worcester, MA – On October 25, 2013. Nearly 25% of full-time 18-22 year old college students report current cigarette smoking. Alarmed by this statistic and concerned about the health impacts of tobacco use on college communities, Tobacco Free Mass will convene more than 100 Massachusetts campus administrators and students to learn the steps involved to becoming a tobacco-free campus.

Dr. Howard Koh, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will deliver the keynote address and discuss this important new approach to prevent tobacco use. "Campuses that implement a tobacco-free policy create optimal learning and work environments by preventing tobacco use and nicotine addiction," noted Tami Gouveia, Executive Director of Tobacco Free Mass.

Currently approximately 10% of all Massachusetts college campuses have a smoke-free or tobacco-free policy. Tobacco Free Mass' goal is to triple the number of campuses with a tobacco-free policy in the next year.

The Symposium will be held at the University of Massachusetts Medical School on Friday, October 25th, 8:30am-2:00pm. Event sponsors include Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Worcester Health Department, and Health Resources in Action.

To learn more visit www.tobaccofreemass.net. To RSVP for the event, email TobaccoFreeCampusMA@gmail.com. The Symposium will be live streamed and live tweeted.

Tobacco Free Mass is a statewide coalition that advocates for policies to reduce tobacco use, help smokers quit, and reduce the public's exposure to secondhand smoke.

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