

PUBLIC HEALTH CONNECTION



Tobacco Prevention

The Continuing Health Concern of Tobacco Products

Tobacco products have been around for decades and continue to evolve. The dangers of traditional tobacco products have been well documented and preventative education has become widespread with many organizations addressing the dangers to health and our environment. Tobacco companies have realized the need to continue to evolve and created e-cigarettes as a way to attract new customers. Unfortunately, these products are being marketed to young people and children, creating a new generation of nicotine addicts. Tobacco prevention through education, community engagement, and legislative action are tools that work to protect community health and address the continuing dangers tobacco products pose.

New Health Concern: Oral Nicotine Pouches

Oral nicotine pouches or lozenges is a smokeless tobacco product. This product is similar to snus, another smokeless tobacco pouch, but the main difference is these don't contain leaf tobacco. These products are still derived from tobacco and contains high amounts of nicotine, but are not classified as a smokeless tobacco product by the FDA. This classification makes it easier for these products to be marketed as "tobacco-free" and they contain flavorings like mint or fruit to mask the nicotine taste.



Locally, the Tobacco Free Quad Cities (TFQC) coalition is working to address tobacco and nicotine issues in our community. To learn more about the work of the coalition, or to find out how you can get involved, visit: <https://tobaccofreeqc.org/>.



OUR MISSION:

The Scott County Health Department promotes, protects, and preserves health through leadership, services, education, and partnerships.

OUR VISION:

Scott County—
A safe and healthy
community.



SPECIAL EVENTS

- *SCHD will be closed Friday, November 10, 2023 in observation of Veteran's Day.*
- *Scott County Board of Health Meeting, Scott County Administrative Center, 1st Floor Boardroom, 12:00 PM, Thursday, November 16, 2023*
- *SCHD will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24, 2023 in observation of Thanksgiving.*

Links

- [Tobacco Free Quad Cities](#)
- [Scott County I-Smile™ Silver Program](#)
- [Community Veterans Engagement Board](#)
- [Iowa Veterans Trust Fund](#)

I-Smile™ Silver Helps Veterans

Veterans Experience Action Center

I-Smile™ Silver, along with three SCHD team members and three volunteers, participated in the Veterans Experience Action Center on October 29 and 30 at the Army National Guard building on West Kimberly Road in Davenport. This service event helps veterans apply for and obtain needed health services and benefits. There were 17 federal, state, county and local veterans organizations, as well as 34 community partners onsite. This event is organized by the Community Veterans Engagement Board and UnityPoint Health—Trinity.

The I-Smile™ Silver team provided oral health screenings, fluoride varnish, silver diamine fluoride, oral hygiene education, and care coordination services for over 50 veterans.

Iowa Veterans Trust Fund

I-Smile™ Silver is able to help many veterans pay for needed dental care through the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund. I-Smile™ Silver works with the Scott County Veterans Service Officer to help navigate the application process, including finding dentists who are willing to work with veterans and accept payment through the Trust Fund.



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