

## **Smoking Policy**

Pursuant to the efforts of the Facilities Planning, Standards, and Safety Team of Shared Governance, and in recognition of our responsibility to provide and maintain an optimally healthy and safe working environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors, University of Detroit Mercy has issued a new policy regarding smoking on all campuses. Effective immediately, smoking is limited to areas designated as "smoking zones." Please view the [map of the designated smoking](#) zones for your information.

If employees wish to smoke, please utilize these smoking zones during your daily allotted break time (two 15-minute breaks, one 30-minute lunch break).

This new policy, which includes smoking and e-smoking, will remain in place as Detroit Mercy transitions to a smoke-free environment.

Although this policy may cause some inconvenience, research has shown that smoking causes diminished overall health, as well as numerous other health issues. Additionally, second-hand smoke has been linked to serious health problems, including cancer and heart disease. It has been reported that non-smokers inhale nearly as many chemicals as smokers by breathing in second hand smoke.

Information on smoking cessation programs is available through the School of Dentistry.