

Study Title: Nicotine Free Generation Interest survey
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You are participating in a research survey. The purpose of this research is to assess the local interest of the nicotine free generation policy. Over a dozen jurisdictions in Massachusetts have recently adopted a Nicotine-Free Generation (NFG) policy that limits the sale of nicotine products to those born after a certain year. These towns include Belchertown, Brookline, Chelsea, Concord, Malden, Manchester, Melrose, Needham, Newton, Pelham, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, and Winchester. Included is a link to a brief survey that should take less than a minute to complete.

We are asking you to participate because we want to hear your thoughts on adopting a NFG policy in your town. The results will help us to reach individuals who seek further information on the policy. We are asking health agents/nurses/board of health members in Massachusetts to participate in the survey.

We obtained your name and contact information through existing contact lists that the Principal Investigator already had from prior community partnerships with the Massachusetts health boards and through contact information on town health department websites.

Only information needed for the research study is recorded and only study team members will have access to your information. We will not gather any additional information from your medical records or other sources. We will not identify you personally in any text published about this study. Although risk of a breach of confidentiality is possible, the risk is very low, as we have many methods in place to ensure that your data remains confidential. Your information will not be used or shared with other researchers outside of this study.

Information collected will not be used in clinical care, and only study team members will see your individual responses and data.

There are no direct risks to you in participating in this research study. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and you may withdraw your participation at any time for any reason. You can decline to participate in any part of this study for any reason and at any time. You can also skip any questions on the survey that you do not want to answer, and you may also choose to stop the survey at any time. Deciding not to participate won't affect medical care they receive at Mass General Brigham now or in the future, or any benefits you receive now or have a right to receive.

If you have any questions or concerns about this study, please feel free to contact Jonathan P. Winickoff, the Principal Investigator of this study, at jwinickoff@mgm.harvard.edu.

If you'd like to speak to someone not involved in this research about your rights as a research subject, or any concerns or complaints you may have about the research, contact the Mass General Brigham IRB at (857) 282-1900.