



Family Rounds:



A monthly series for parents and professionals

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Avoiding the Clouded World of Vaping

Presenters:

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Dr. Woolf is a Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, the Associate Chief Medical Education Officer at Boston Children's Hospital, and Director of the Region 1 New England Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit. He has also served the Melrose School District as its school physician consultant for over 20 years and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Melrose Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

Ashley Hall, M.S., Program Manager Northeast Tobacco Free Community Partnership

Ashley Hall is the Program Manager of the Northeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership funded by the MA Department of Public Health and an adjunct professor at Merrimack College in the School of Health Sciences. She has her Masters of Science and is certified in Health Education and Literacy (HEAL). In her current role, she leads with racial justice to serve as a free resource to 49 municipalities in Northeast, MA on tobacco/vaping education, prevention, cessation, and evidence-based best practices.

The youth vaping epidemic has put a new generation of young people at high risk for serious health problems, both now and in the future. In 2019, over 50% of high school students reported they had ever tried a vaping product. Nicotine is especially harmful to the adolescent brain, both physically and behaviorally. In addition to addictive nicotine, there are numerous deadly chemicals found in the aerosol vaping clouds. The tobacco and vaping industries have a long history of targeting youth, LGBTQ+, Black, and LatinX, communities, among others, with their deadly products to addict and profit off of new life-long customers.

- What exactly is vaping?
- What health risks and side effects do youth face?
- What impact does COVID-19 have on those who smoke and/or vape?
- How did certain populations become so much more impacted?
- How can you help prevent youth from starting, and help those addicted quit?

Attend this presentation to get the answers to these questions and more!

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Each lecture will address some of the ways racial disparities and the coronavirus impact their topic. A zoom invite will be emailed upon registration.



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