

## **Information for Tobacco Control on HFJ Website**

### **About Us**

#### **Jamaica Coalition for Tobacco Control**

The Jamaica Coalition for Tobacco Control (JCTC) was formed on World No Tobacco Day, May 31, 2002. Cigarette-smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease, leading to cancer, cardiovascular disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and complications in diabetes. The World Health Organization estimates that tobacco use accounts for at least 30% of all global cancer deaths. The JCTC works closely with Government, non-Government and other health allied organisations to encourage abstinence and prevent tobacco and toward de-normalising the use of tobacco and all nicotine products in Jamaica. The JCTC's vision is for a tobacco free Jamaica, while the mission is de-normalising the use of tobacco and all nicotine products. The Coalition is made up of nine member organizations, the Association of General Practitioners; Caribbean College of Family Physicians; Diabetes Association of Jamaica; Heart Foundation of Jamaica; Jamaica Cancer Society; Jamaica Dental Association; Jamaica Psychiatric Association; Medical Association of Jamaica, and the Nurses Association of Jamaica. The JCTC's secretariat is situated at the Heart Foundation of Jamaica's (HFJ) 28 Beechwood Avenue headquarters, from which activities and other functions are planned and executed.

### **How to Reach Us**

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## **Resources/Publications (attached in file)**

1. JCTC Brochure
2. 2020 HFJ Observer WNTD Ad
3. 2019 Data Sheet CTFK Grant
4. 2019 E Cigarette Fact Sheet
5. 2019 Tobacco Control Fact Sheet
6. 2019 The Tobacco Body
7. 2019 What's In A Cigarette
8. Smoker COPD Tips Ad

**Articles and Advocacy Reports (PDF links attached in file, links provided below)**

1. **JCTC Statement on E-Cigarettes: The JCTC recommends the banning of E-Cigarettes**
2. **JCTC Fully Supports Enactment of Comprehensive Tobacco Control Legislation in Jamaica**
3. **As Costs Pile Up for COVID-19, Tobacco Companies Should Be Held Accountable for Smoking-Related Health Harms**

[https://exposetobacco.org/news/stop-statement-covid-accountability/?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=TI-covid-statement](https://exposetobacco.org/news/stop-statement-covid-accountability/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=TI-covid-statement)

4. **The Gleaner: Dr. Aggrey Irons – COVID is no joke, it gets worse with smoke**  
<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/commentary/20200530/dr-aggrey-irons-covid-no-joke-it-gets-worse-smoke>
5. **Commonwealth Foundation 12 Tips for Successful Media Advocacy Engagement**  
<https://commonwealthfoundation.com/there-is-no-movement-without-media-12-tips-for-successful-engagement/>
6. **Pan American Health Organization Tobacco Prevention and Control**  
<https://www.paho.org/en/topics/tobacco-prevention-and-control>
7. **World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Main Page**  
<https://www.who.int/fctc/en/>