

Summit County's citizens, businesses, schools, and governments have taken a leadership role in the statewide movement to reduce and eliminate the effects of tobacco usage on Coloradans. Our county was the first to pass a voter referendum to eliminate smoking in public places, and the Summit County Smoke-Free Air Law took effect on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

As a next step in this lifesaving process, the healthcare offices and hospital of the Medical Campus in Frisco are going completely tobacco-free on October 22, 2007. This change will provide important health benefits to staff and patients and will promote a positive example to the community. As healthcare providers we are united in promoting a tobacco-free environment.

We have begun rolling out access to a number of informational programs and tobacco cessation resources. We are taking steps to ensure that tobacco users who need services will not be denied access, and Summit Medical Center will provide nicotine replacement therapy for patients at the hospital. Moving forward, no tobacco use will be allowed in or around the buildings, open spaces, cars, and parking lots of the Medical Campus.

We encourage all of Summit County to take advantage of this opportunity to quit tobacco. Please inquire with your healthcare provider or Summit Prevention Alliance at (970) 668-2077 regarding what resources are available for creating a tobacco-free future for you, your family, and Summit County.

Sincerely,

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