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## 2021 PHAB Meetings

Meetings are held  
10 times per year,  
typically the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday of the  
month from 12-  
1:30pm.



### **Recommendation: Support Oregon HB 2261**

Chair Senator Patterson, Vice Chair Senator Knopp, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care:

We are very concerned about the devastating effects that inhalant delivery systems and products are having on Oregonians, especially youth. In early 2020, in Oregon, there were 23 cases of vaping related illnesses reported, 2 of which were fatal. Nearly one quarter of the cases were residents under the age of 24. The percentage of 11th-grade students who reported vaping or using e-cigarettes in 2018 was 29.4% in Deschutes County, which is up from 19.2% in 2016 (OR Student Wellness Survey). House Bill 2261 would align with current prohibitions on the online sales of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products and prohibit remote sales of inhalant delivery systems and associated products.

Currently, it is possible for youth under 21 years of age to purchase inhalant delivery system devices and products remotely due to no regulation or enforcement of online sales. Our community and state are at great risk of potentially life-threatening illnesses related to inhalant delivery system products. Therefore, on behalf of the Deschutes County Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB), we recommend **supporting Oregon House Bill 2261, prohibition on remote sales of inhalant delivery systems**. Please contact us if you would like to continue this conversation in protecting Oregon residents.

Sincerely,

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