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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Oakland County Health Division Gears Up for the Smoke-Free Law**

Oakland County, MI (April 30, 2010) — Beginning at 6:00 am this Saturday, May 1, 2010, smoking is prohibited in most public places in Michigan. The smoke-free law covers any food service establishment or workplace, including, but not limited to, restaurants, bars, shopping malls, bowling alleys, concert halls, arenas, museums, health facilities, nursing homes, education facilities, and child care centers.

Smoking is not allowed in any indoor area as well as outdoor areas such as patios or rooftops where patrons receive service or consume food, beverages, or both. Smoking may be allowed in outdoor areas where food, beverages, or both are not served or consumed. However, cigar bars, tobacco specialty retail stores, and the gaming floors of casinos are exempt from the smoke free law.

Oakland County Health Division has mechanisms in place for receiving complaints about potential violations of the smoke-free law, investigating complaints, and resolving them. If you observe smoking in any workplace or food service business:

- Notify the owner or manager right away, they are responsible for compliance and are required to direct the person who is smoking to either stop or leave the establishment.
- If the situation is not resolved, complaints can be made on the Health Division website at [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health)
- Complaint can also be made with the Oakland County Health Division by calling the smoke-free hotline at 888-647-0558.

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- The website and hotline will be monitored for complaints. All complaints are investigated within 5 business days.

All workplaces, including food service establishments are expected to enforce compliance with the smoke-free law by posting “no smoking” signs, removing ashtrays and other smoking materials in area where smoking is prohibited, and by making reasonable efforts to prohibit individuals from smoking at their establishment. “No smoking” signs are available from all OCHD offices in Pontiac, Southfield and Walled Lake.

For more specific information regarding the law, refer to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) website at [www.michigan.gov/smokefreelaw](http://www.michigan.gov/smokefreelaw).

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