

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Kimball County facilities go tobacco-free January 1, 2017**

Kimball County will be a tobacco-free campus to include all forms of tobacco, e-cigarettes, and vaping effective on January 1, 2017. This includes all county facilities, county grounds and county vehicles, with the exception of designated smoking areas at the Golf Course, Kimball County Recreation Area, and the Visitors Center.

The county will be providing email communications and informational packets to employees with free resources like the Nebraska Tobacco-Free Quitline, 800-QUIT-NOW, the online quit program, and texting services.

Additionally, the county is providing onsite assistance to those currently using tobacco products. Containers of mints and gum will be strategically placed around the county facilities and will be available upon request for any employees and visitors.

Kimball County is a member of the Panhandle Worksite Wellness Council, for additional information about worksite wellness contact Davies at 308-487-3600 ext. 101 or visit [pphd.org/pwwc.html](http://pphd.org/pwwc.html). For questions regarding Kimball County, contact (308)235-2362

The Panhandle Worksite Wellness Council is proudly part of Panhandle Public Health District. The Council specializes in supporting employers in the Panhandle region. We recognize that many employers support a diverse and remote workforce and offer innovative ways to overcome the challenge of working with a virtual team. We understand that many of our employers do not have full-time wellness resources and work to provide resources and training to make running a worksite wellness program as easy as possible.

Funding for Tobacco Free in the Panhandle is provided by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services/Tobacco Free Nebraska Program as a result of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety and quality of life for all who live, learn, work and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community.