The Board of Health recently amended relevant City Health Code Chapter 248 language with new requirements, including prohibiting flavored tobacco products from being sold or given away in the City of Columbus beginning January 1, 2024.

Flavored tobacco products include but are not limited to: tobacco products with any taste or smell related to fruit, chocolate, vanilla, honey, candy, cocoa, dessert, alcoholic beverage, menthol, mint, wintergreen, herb or spice (excluding flavored shisha tobacco).

• 28.2% of facilities sold tobacco underage this summer

• About 3.08 million U.S. middle and high school students use at least one tobacco product, including e-cigarettes.