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Choose to be Smoke Free When Dining in St. Charles County

County offers list of smoke-free establishments

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St. Charles County - The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment encourages smoke-free lifestyles. To make it easier for those dining in St. Charles County to find a smoke-free restaurant, citizens can now view a list of smoke-free establishments located in St. Charles County. Citizens with health concerns related to second-hand smoke or those who simply prefer not to smell tobacco smoke while dining can patronize one of the listed businesses. The list, updated weekly, can be viewed at www.scchealth.org. The list does not include restaurants located in St. Peters, as St. Peters administers its own restaurant inspection program.

Gil Copley, Director of St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment, stated that the department is committed to the protection and enhancement of the quality of life for all members of the St. Charles County community. "We offer this list as a service to our citizens and encourage them to take control of their health and make positive personal health choices," Copley said.

St. Charles County's Department of Community Health and the Environment is responsible for assuring the regular inspection of food service establishments in St. Charles County. The department regularly inspects all such establishments except those located within the corporate limits of St. Peters. Restaurant inspection results are available online at www.scchealth.org. Detailed inspection records are available for examination at the department's Boone's Lick facility during regular business hours. Visit www.scchealth.org or call 636-949-7400 for more information.

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