



NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Envisioning Healthy People in Healthy Places

2015 Policy Update – New York State Public Health Association

NYSPHA supports the following legislation which had significant movement in 2015:

- **Increased adult immunizations provided by pharmacists**
 - Gives certified pharmacists permanent authority to administer vaccines to adults as authorized by physicians and nurse practitioners
 - Expands immunization authority for pharmacists to administer TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis vaccines) to adults
 - This bill has been signed by the Governor

- **Meningococcal vaccine requirement**
 - Requires 7th and 12th grade students to receive a meningococcal vaccine
 - This bill has been signed by the Governor

- **E-cigarette**
 - Amended Albany County's Clean Indoor Air (CIA) law to include the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (i.e. e-cigarettes)
 - This bill has made it to the Senate floor but has yet to be voted on

- **Salt Warning Label**
 - The New York City Health Department says chain restaurants with 15 or more locations in the U.S. must display a salt shaker icon next to menu items or combo meals that contain 2,300 milligrams (the recommended daily limit) of sodium or more
 - Restaurants have until March 1st to comply, after that they can be fined
 - The NYC Salt Warning Law was passed in December 2015, however implementation of the fines are currently on hold after an injunction was issued by the National Restaurant Association