

# Tobacco-Free Campus



Banner Baywood  
Medical Center  
Heart Hospital

## Visitor Questions & Answers

### **Why is the Banner Baywood Campus transitioning to a tobacco-free campus?**

As nationally-recognized providers of several primary health services in the East Valley, Banner Baywood Medical Center and Banner Heart Hospital strive to offer the best possible care and service. Naturally, our commitment to supporting the health of the people in the communities we serve includes our employees, physicians, volunteers, patients and visitors. This change is in support of this commitment.

### **When will the campus officially transition to a tobacco-free environment?**

We will implement a tobacco-free policy that will take effect Nov. 20, 2008 – a date observed by the American Cancer Society as the Great American Smoke Out.

### **What is the policy designed to do?**

This policy is designed to:

- Recognize the American Heart & Stroke Association's guidelines for tobacco cessation – a standard in promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing the risk of heart disease,
- Provide leadership in the community regarding a major health issue,
- Join the national trend of tobacco-free workplaces,
- Lower health care costs,
- Eliminate existing designated smoking areas, and
- Increase satisfaction with employees, patients, physicians, visitors and volunteers.

### **After the tobacco-free plan is implemented, where will I be able to smoke on the Banner Baywood Campus?**

Smoking is PROHIBITED ANYWHERE on campus. This includes ALL areas within both Banner Heart Hospital and Banner Baywood Medical Center as well as areas outside of the two facilities. Boundaries for our campus include all areas north of Baywood Avenue to the neighboring communities that border our campus. Off-limits boundaries also include areas such as Children's Choice south of Baywood Avenue. From east to west, the campus begins just west of Power Road and ends at 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. When in doubt, we ask that you refrain from using tobacco of any kind.

### **What tobacco products are restricted under the new plan?**

All tobacco products are prohibited.