

ALGERIAN DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND POPULATION

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**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN DIRECTORS OF HEALTH
AND POPULATION**

- For distribution and follow-up of execution to:

The Directors

- Health Sectors**
- Specialized Hospital Establishments**
- Schools for Paramedical Training**

GENTLEMEN GENERAL MANAGERS OF THE CHU's

- For execution

PURPOSE/: Implementation of provisions of Executive Decree No. 01-285 of September 24, 2001, determining the public places where the use of tobacco is prohibited and the procedures for the application of this ban.

Public places where the use of tobacco is prohibited are determined by Articles 4 and 5 of the Decree cited in the heading. Health institutions are expressly stated therein.

Being concerned with the major objective of protection and promotion of health, the implementation of this prohibition must actually start first of all with health institutions.

It must be noted that more than five months after its publication, this text which was initiated by our ministerial department has not yet been fully implemented.

To this end, I invite you to undertake without delay all actions regarding the strict implementation and by way of example, the measures set forth, and this in all health institutions.

In this light, it behooves you to proceed in particular to undertake the following:

- Activities involving information, education and communication intended for personnel and users.
- Posting of signs for spaces where the use of tobacco is prohibited
- Substantive review, if it has not already been done, of the internal regulations of institutions, with a view to establishing the administrative and disciplinary sanctions incurred for failure to comply with rules prohibiting smoking and for the protection of non-smokers.

The success of this operation, which will make it possible to generate a ripple effect extending to other areas of activity, will depend on your commitment and spirit of initiative.

I insist that it be conducted in a resolute and persistent fashion, and ask that you keep me informed of the execution of these instructions.

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