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SAFE Glen Cove Coalition and Tobacco Action Coalition of Long Island- “The Butt Stops Here”

Executive Director-Dr. Sharon Harris and Coalition Partner, the Tobacco Action Coalition of LI (TAC) Community Engagement Manager-Carol Meschkow joined forces nearly 15 years ago to educate and empower local youth to voice their concerns about “Big Tobacco”. They have been working closely with SAFE’s Coalition School and Youth Committee members including; the Glen Cove School District and Glen Cove Youth Bureau-After 3 Program.

The Collaborators are seeking to highlight an On-Line Cessation Service that can be accessed in the convenience of your own home. A group of health care and public health organizations have joined forces to offer community residents statewide a new “Virtual”, On-Line version of the award-winning, “The Butt Stops Here” smoking cessation program starting the week of April 28th. While smoking cessation has long been important for improving health, it is perhaps even more timely now, given our current public health crisis. Experts suggest that smokers – with their compromised respiratory systems – may face increased risk of developing a serious infection from COVID 19. Quitting now decreases the vulnerability to the disease.

This seven-week group program is offered free of charge. Led by a trained facilitator, the group will meet one hour per week. There are two groups to choose from; participants can join either a lunchtime or evening group.

Please see the attached flyer for additional details and registration information. For convenience, the registration link is here [Butt Stops Here Registration. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VirtualBSH2020](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VirtualBSH2020)

SAFE, Inc. is the only alcohol and substance abuse prevention, intervention and education agency in the City of Glen Cove. Its Coalition is concerned about vaping and seeks to educate and update the community regarding its negative consequences. To learn more about the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition please follow us on www.facebook.com/safeglencovecoalition or visit the Vaping Facts and Myths Page of SAFE’s website to learn more about how it’s detrimental to your health www.safeglencove.org.

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