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Measure Up Marion and Cafe Havana Announce Tobacco-Free Changeover

In its ongoing commitment to improving the lives and health of Marion County and its residents, Measure Up Marion, its partner QuitDoc Foundation, and Cafe Havana are leading the way. Cafe Havana now will have a tobacco-free patio and entrance area to ensure smoke-free pleasure for its patrons. Cafe Havana (<http://www.littlehavananyc.com>) is located at 923 N Magnolia Ave.

“With the forward thinking of its owners, Cafe Havana and Measure Up Marion have implemented a tobacco-free policy on its patio and entrance areas for its patrons,” said Maclyn Walker, project director of Measure Up Marion. “Convinced by the facts about the dangers of second hand smoke, Cafe Havana was eager to make changes, both for its diners and for its employees.”

“Luis and Laura listened closely to the information we provided about less litter from cigarette butts, better health through cleaner air, and savings from clean-up,” said Lauren Walter, community health advocate at QuitDoc Foundation. “The changeover is going smoothly and we are thrilled that Cafe Havana is the first when it comes to restaurant patios and entrances that are tobacco-free.”



To work with Measure Up Marion on making your restaurant tobacco-free, contact Lauren Walter at LWalter@QuitDoc.com or 352.359.5383. Cafe Havana (<http://www.littlehavananyc.com>) is located at 923 N Magnolia Ave. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30am – 4pm.

Measure Up Marion is a coalition of health advocates and organizations dedicated to improving the lives of their neighbors in Marion County. Through increased access to healthier food choices in corner stores, concession stands and vending; tobacco-free restaurants, housing and faith communities; EBT acceptance at farmers markets; and, assistance in avoiding and managing chronic diseases through community health workers, physician multi-disciplinary teams, and patient portal access through MyHealthStory, Measure Up Marion and its partners work for improvement through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, as part of its Partners In Community Health (PICH) award.

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