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# Coronavirus (COVID-19): effective options for quitting smoking during the pandemic

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Tobacco smoking is known to be a **risk factor** for acute respiratory infections. The World Health Organization has also identified it as a specific risk factor for Covid-19.[1] In addition, we know that second-hand smoke increases the risk of acute respiratory infections.[2] The World Health Organization urges people to stop smoking tobacco to minimize the risks associated with the current coronavirus pandemic in both people who smoke and those