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**National Institute on Drug Abuse to hold teleconference discussing  
key findings of 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey on teen drug use**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will hold a teleconference on Monday, December 17, to discuss the results of the 2018 Monitoring the Future (MTF) survey. The survey, funded by NIDA and conducted by scientists at the University of Michigan, tracks annual drug use and attitudes among eighth, 10th, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. NIDA is part of the National Institutes of Health, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).



MTF – the only comprehensive federal government-funded survey on teen drug use that releases findings the same year the data is collected – will include findings on substance use and attitudes about e-cigarettes and vaping, marijuana, opioids and other prescription medications, heroin, ecstasy, cocaine, synthetic cannabinoids (K2/Spice), alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

MTF is one of three major survey instruments the HHS funds to monitor the nation’s substance use patterns among teens. Information from these surveys helps to provide strategic planning for prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for youth.

**WHAT:** Teleconference to discuss the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey results, which will be officially released at 12:01 a.m. EST on December 17.

**WHEN:** **Monday, December 17, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST**

**WHERE:** To dial into the teleconference, call: 800-475-0527, Participant passcode: NIDA (voice activated)

**Materials for the teleconference will be posted online December 17 at**  
[www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/monitoring-future](http://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/monitoring-future).

**WHO:** **Featured Speakers**

[Nora D. Volkow, M.D.](#)  
Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse

[Richard A. Miech, Ph.D.](#), Principal Investigator, Monitoring the Future  
Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

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