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Update: Outbreak of Lung Injury Associated with the Use of E-Cigarette, or Vaping, Products



CDC, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, state and local health departments, and other public health and clinical partners continue to investigate a national outbreak of electronic cigarette (e-cigarette), or vaping, product use associated lung injury (EVALI). The latest national and state findings suggest products containing THC, particularly those obtained off the street or from other informal sources (like friends, family, or illicit dealers), are linked to most of the cases and play a major role in the outbreak.

CDC recommends that people do **not**:

- Use e-cigarette, or vaping, products that contain THC.
- Buy any type of e-cigarette, or vaping, products off the street, particularly those containing THC.
- Modify or add any substances to e-cigarette, or vaping, products that are not intended by the manufacturer, including products purchased through retail establishments.

No one compound or ingredient used in e-cigarettes, or vaping, products has emerged as the cause of these lung injuries to date, and there may be more than one cause of this outbreak. Many different substances and product sources are still under investigation. At this time, the only commonality among *all* cases is that patients report the use of e-cigarette, or vaping, products. Since the specific compound(s) or ingredient(s) causing lung injury are not yet known, the only way to assure that you are not at risk while the investigation continues is to consider refraining from use of <u>all</u> e-cigarette, or vaping, products.

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