

CDC: 57 dead, 2,602 hospitalized from vaping-related lung injuries

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Vaping-related lung injuries have killed 57 people and left 2,602 hospitalized, according to new data from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC).

While the CDC believes cases peaked in September, the case counts continue to grow. Deaths have occurred in 27 states, and hospitalizations have occurred in all 50.

About 67% of patients were male, 75% were white and the median age was 24 years, as of the CDC's most recent analysis on Dec. 3. About 80% of hospitalized patients used a vaping product containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), most commonly Dank Vapes.

The CDC [has found a link](#) between the lung injuries and vitamin E acetate, which sometimes is used as a diluent in THC vaping products, although officials are not ruling out other possible causes.

Patients have complained of difficulty breathing, shortness of breath and/or chest pain. Some also experienced diarrhea, vomiting, fever and fatigue.

The CDC encourages clinicians to consider vaping-related illnesses in patients with lung disease, collect detailed information on the products patients were using and report suspected cases to their state health department.

Resources

- [CDC e-cigarette website for health care providers](#)
- [AAP Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence e-cigarette website](#)
- [AAP policy "E-Cigarettes and Similar Devices"](#)
- [AAP public service announcement on e-cigarettes and teens](#)
- [FDA information for health care providers and state health departments](#)
- [FDA's The Real Cost youth e-cigarette prevention campaign](#)
- [Information for parents from HealthyChildren.org about e-cigarettes](#)
- [AAP News coverage of vaping injuries](#)
- [Pediatrics e-cigarette article collection](#)

- [Surgeon general's interactive website about e-cigarettes geared toward parents and others who work with youths](#)

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