



Severe Lung Disease Linked to Vaping

Dear Parents and/or guardian:

As of September 6, 2019, over 450 possible cases of lung illness associated with the use of e-cigarette products have been reported to CDC from 33 states. According to the CDC, five deaths have been confirmed in California, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, and Oregon.

No evidence of infectious diseases has been identified; therefore, the lung illnesses are likely associated with a chemical exposure. Patients in this investigation have reported symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath, or chest pain nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea fatigue, fever, or weight loss. The severity of the disease has varied, with some needing assistance to breathe. It is not yet known what the long-term health effects will be.

While many of the patients reported recent use of THC-containing products, some reported using both THC-and nicotine-containing products. A smaller group reported using nicotine only. We urge the public to visit CDC website at cdc.gov/tobacco to review updated information on the signs and symptoms of severe lung disease related to vaping.

Although there have been no confirmed cases in Fond du Lac County, as Health Officer I am urging residents to stop using any type of electronic smoking device. If any resident currently using an electronic smoking device (E-cigarette) is experiencing any of the above symptoms, please talk to your doctor immediately.

For more information, visit tobaccoischanging.org or tobaccofreelivingfdl.com or contact the Fond du Lac County Health Department at (920) 929-3085.

Sincerely,

Kim Mueller
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