

Severe Respiratory Illness Associated With Vaping – Idaho update

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Cases among Idaho residents: 10

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Public health district of residence	Number of cases
Panhandle Health District	1
North Central District Health	1
Southwest District Health	2
Central District Health	3
South Central District Health	1
Southeastern Idaho Public Health	1
Eastern Idaho Public Health	1



The Idaho Division of Public Health (DPH) is currently working together with local public health districts statewide to investigate reports and identify cases of severe pulmonary illnesses associated with e-cigarette use, also known as vaping, juuling, or dabbing. Idaho DPH is also coordinating with federal and state partners in the investigation of this nationwide outbreak. Neighboring states including Utah and Oregon have reported multiple cases, including two deaths.

Nationwide, patients have experienced respiratory symptoms including cough, shortness of breath, and chest pain. Other signs and symptoms included fever, fatigue, weight loss, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Many patients reported symptoms worsening over time. Many patients were otherwise healthy young adults. Products used by patients may contain THC, CBD, nicotine, flavors, and other chemicals. No single substance or product has been consistently associated with the illnesses. As of November 15, all ten (10) Idahoans with severe pulmonary illnesses associated with e-cigarette or vaping use reporting vaping a nicotine-containing substance and 90% self-reported vaping a THC-containing substance.

Whom to call

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of these symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider. If it is a medical emergency call 9-1-1.

Healthcare providers treating patients with unexplained serious respiratory illness in patients who mention e-cigarette use, vaping, or dabbing should notify DPH Epidemiologists at 208-334-5939 (Fax: 208-332-7307).

Resources (also on www.epi.idaho.gov)

[Outbreak of Severe Pulmonary Disease Associated with Using E-cigarette Products](#) (CDC)
[Severe Pulmonary Disease Associated with Electronic-Cigarette–Product Use — Interim Guidance](#) (MMWR)

[E-cigarettes- what's the bottom line?](#) (CDC)

[Know the risks- E-cigarettes & young people](#) (Surgeon General)

[Project Filter- Idaho Fights Tobacco](#)

