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HAN UPDATE

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Subject: **Update - Interim Guidance for Health Care Professionals Treating Vaping Associated Lung Injury - October 18, 2019**

Message ID: 10/18/2019 2:30:00 PM

Recipients: HAN Community Members.

From: TRI-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas County, Colorado

Recipient Instructions: **Tri-County Health Department is forwarding you the attached HAN. You may have already received this broadcast if you are on the CDPHE distribution list, however, we wanted to ensure you did not miss this important information. No response is required.**

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HEALTH ALERT NETWORK BROADCAST

MESSAGE ID: 10182019 12:00

FROM: CO-CDPHE

SUBJECT: HAN Update - Interim Guidance for Health Care Professionals Treating Vaping Associated Lung Injury

RECIPIENTS: Local Public Health Agencies / IPs / Clinical Labs / EDs / ID Physicians

RECIPIENT INSTRUCTIONS: Please forward to healthcare providers. This information is for the public health and health care community and may be posted on your public websites.

HEALTH ADVISORY / UPDATE | Interim Guidance for Health Care Professionals Treating Vaping Associated Lung Injury | October 18, 2019

Health care providers: Please distribute widely in your office

Key points

- As of October 15, 2019 there have been 1479 cases and 33 deaths associated with the use of vaping products reported to CDC.
- CDC has issued interim guidance for health care providers evaluating and treating patients with suspected vaping associated lung injury.
- CDPHE strongly suggests health care providers in Colorado follow this guidance, which was published in [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\) October 18, 2019 / 68\(41\):919-927](#)
- All confirmed or probable cases or individuals considered highly suspect should be reported; and any remaining vaping product should be collected for testing. Contact the CDPHE Disease Reporting Line: 303-692-2700 or 303-370-9395 (after hours) to report case information and to arrange product pick-up.
- Previous HANs containing the case definition, information on product collection, specimen collection and specimen submission may be found at the department's Vaping and Lung Illness webpage at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/vaping-lung-illness>.

Background information

- This update follows HAN advisories previously issued by CDPHE on Aug. 20, Aug. 21, and Oct. 3, 2019.
 - As of October 15, 2019, 1479 lung injury cases associated with the use of e-cigarette, or vaping, products have been reported to CDC from 49 states, the District of Columbia, and 1 U.S. territory. Thirty-three deaths have been confirmed in 24 states.
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Recommendations / guidance

- If e-cigarette or vaping product use is suspected as a possible cause for a patient's lung injury, a detailed history of the substances used, and the sources of products and the devices used should be obtained. Please follow the interim guidance issued by CDC and published in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) October 18, 2019 / 68(41);919-927 at https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6841e3.htm?s_cid=mm6841e3_w
- Efforts should be made to collect clinical samples to determine if any remaining product, devices, and liquids are available for testing.
- All confirmed or probable cases or individuals considered highly suspect should be reported; and any remaining vaping product should be collected for testing. Contact the CDPHE Disease Reporting Line: 303-692-2700 or 303-370-9395 (after hours) to report a case and for information to arrange product pick-up.
- Information on this outbreak and all previous HANs that contain the case definition, information on product collection, specimen collection and specimen submission may be found at the department's Vaping and Lung Illness webpage at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/vaping-lung-illness> under Information for health care providers.

For more information

CDC Outbreak of Lung Injury Associated with E-Cigarette Use, or Vaping website:

https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease.html

- CDC guidance for clinicians: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/newsletters/coca/081619.htm>
- CDC case definitions: https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease/health-departments/index.html
- CDC laboratory clinical specimen collection and storage guidance:
https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/pdfs/Laboratory-Clinical-Specimen-Collection-and-Storage-Guidance-508.pdf
- Specimen Submission Guidance for Pathologic Evaluation of Tissue Specimens from Cases:
https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease/healthcare-providers/pdfs/specimen-submission-req.pdf

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