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CDC Recommends Refraining from E-cigarette Use

Parkersburg, WV, October 4, 2019 – As of October 1, 2019, 1,080 confirmed and probable lung injury cases associated with e-cigarette product use, or vaping, were reported by 48 states and U.S. Virgin Islands. Five lung injury cases have been diagnosed in West Virginia

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Bureau for Public Health (BPH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that they are conducting a multi-state investigation of lung injuries associated with e-cigarette or vaping product use.

Patients from the multiple state report symptoms including:

- Shortness of breath, cough, or chest pain
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fatigue, fever or abominable pain

Symptoms may develop acutely over several days or more slowly over several weeks. If you have recently used an e-cigarette or vaping product and experience symptoms, see a health care provider.

Until more information is known about the lung injuries being seen nationwide, it is recommended that you stop using e-cigarettes or vaping products. At this time, the specific chemical exposures causing the lung injuries is unknown. Anyone using an e-cigarette or vaping products should not buy these products off the street and should not modify or add any substance to these products that are not intended by the manufacturer.

Consumers who are concerned about their health after using a vaping product should contact their health care provider or call the WV Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222.

For more information, contact CDC-INFO at 800-232-4636, or visit www.cdc.gov/lunginjury.

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