

Vaping Public Health Emergency

What do we know?

Cases

There are currently 1,479 cases across the US, including 33 deaths. The Governor of MA declared a public health emergency and issued a ban on the sale of vape products.

Causes

The exact cause has not yet been identified. What we know is that all patients have reported a history of vaping, with the majority using THC-containing products.

Symptoms

Symptoms include cough, shortness of breath, chest pain, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, fatigue, fever, and weight loss.

Recommendations

CDC currently recommends that people refrain from using both THC and nicotine containing vape products.

Seeking Help

If you have a history of vaping and develop symptoms like those listed above, contact the Simmons Health Center or your medical provider.

For More Information

CDC and MA Department of Health are monitoring the situation and providing ongoing updates.

Learn more about [vaping-related illnesses](#).

Learn more about [Massachusetts' ban on vaping products](#).

For help quitting, visit [makesmokinghistory.org](https://www.makesmokinghistory.org) or [quit.com](https://www.quit.com), or visit Simmons Health Services.

