

## Vaping illnesses in US still rising, though at slower pace

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In this Friday, Oct. 4, 2019 photo, a man using an electronic cigarette exhales in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. On Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 2,172 confirmed and probable vaping-related illnesses have been reported. Cases have occurred in every state but Alaska. Forty-two people in 24 states have died. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

The number of vaping illnesses in the U.S. is still rising, but at a slower pace.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday said another 121 cases have been reported, bringing the total of confirmed and [probable cases](#) to 2,172. Forty-two people have died.

The outbreak appears to have started in March and peaked in late summer but there is often a lag in reporting. Of the latest cases, the CDC says less than half are people hospitalized with [lung damage](#) in the last three weeks.

Most of the people who got sick said they vaped products containing THC, the high-inducing ingredient in marijuana. Officials believe a thickening agent used in black market THC vaping products appears to be a culprit.

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