

RUSHVILLE TOPIC ONE:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/10/health/vaping-illnesses-cdc.html>

Vaping Illnesses Climb Upward, Nearing 1,300 With 29 Deaths

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The cause of the outbreak is still unknown, and the only advice health officials can offer so far is to avoid vaping.

The outbreak of lung illnesses linked to vaping grew by more than 200 cases in a week, now totaling 1,299, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported on Thursday.

Twenty-nine people have died from vaping-related illnesses, health officials said. The figures mean that 219 new cases and seven new deaths were reported. Cases have occurred in [49 states, the District of Columbia and the United States Virgin Islands](#).

A 17-year-old boy died in the Bronx last week, the [youngest death so far linked to vaping](#). Utah and Massachusetts officials confirmed their states' first vaping deaths this week. [Indiana health officials](#) announced late Thursday afternoon that two more people had died.

The ages of those who died range from 17 years to 75 years, with a median of 49. The exact cause of the illness is still unknown. Many of those who became ill had vaped THC, some had used both THC and nicotine, and others report vaping only nicotine.

Vaping Illnesses

As of Oct. 10, there have been 1,299 vaping illnesses and 27 deaths.



(See online article for info on map.)

Federal and state health authorities are testing vaping materials and studying tissue samples from patients in an effort to find the cause of the outbreak. They are particularly concerned about the huge amount of illicit THC products in circulation, which contain unknown mixtures of solvents, diluting agents and flavorings that may be toxic to the lungs.

The United States Army said it was treating two soldiers for vaping-related illness. The Army did not say what products the two soldiers had been using, according to [an earlier report in The Wall Street Journal](#). The military has banned e-cigarettes from the exchanges on bases.

Health officials are urging the public not to vape, and emphasizing that those who choose to do so anyway should avoid THC, especially products sold on the street or the internet.

RUSHVILLE TOPIC TWO:

If— BY RUDYARD KIPLING <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46473/if--->

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

RUSHVILLE TOPIC THREE:



**RUSHVILLE TOPIC FOUR:
The Weather Project by Olafur Eliasson**

