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SAFE Glen Cove Coalition: CDC DATA: Over 130 Cases of Vaping Illness Victims Purchased Products Exclusively From "Commercial Sources"

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), state and local health departments, and other clinical and public health partners are investigating a national outbreak of e-cigarette, or vaping, product use-associated lung injury (EVALI). A new study, coupled with previous state-based evidence, strengthens the association between EVALI and the use of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)-containing e-cigarette, or vaping, products obtained from informal sources. Results of the study show:

82% of hospitalized patients with data on substance use reported using THC-containing products; 34% reported exclusive use of THC-containing products.

50% of EVALI patients who reported using THC-containing products provided data on product source.

16% reported acquiring products only from commercial sources (recreational and/or medical dispensaries, vape or smoke shops, stores, and pop-up shops).

78% reported acquiring products only from informal sources (family/friends, dealers, online, or other sources)

6% reported acquiring products from both commercial and informal sources.

This study reinforces existing CDC and FDA recommendations that people not use THC-containing e-cigarette, or vaping, products, particularly from informal sources like friends, family, or in-person or online sellers. While it appears that vitamin E acetate is associated with EVALI, there are many different substances and product sources that are being investigated, and there may be more than one cause. CDC and state health departments continue to research this issue. The CDC will continue to update guidance as more knowledge is garnered from EVALI.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is a federal agency that conducts and supports health promotion, prevention and preparedness activities in the United States, with the goal of improving overall public health. To learn more about the CDC or to read the full study results please visit www.cdc.gov.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is a federal agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services responsible for protecting and promoting public health. For more information please visit www.fda.gov.

SAFE, Inc. is the only alcohol and substance abuse prevention, intervention and education agency in the City of Glen Cove. Its Coalition is concerned about vaping and seeks to educate and update the community regarding its negative consequences. To learn more about the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition please follow us on www.facebook.com/safeglencovecoalition or visit the Vaping Facts and Myths page of SAFE's website to learn more about how it's detrimental to your health www.safeglencove.org.