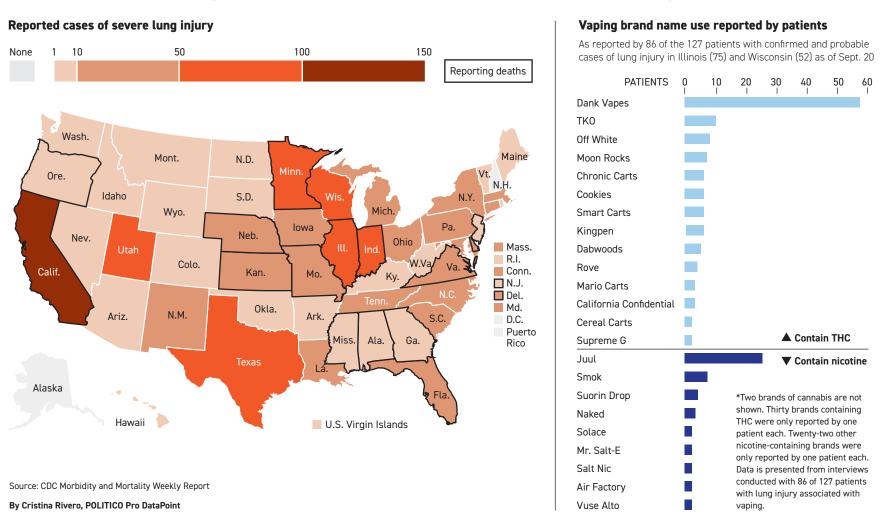


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Lung injury from vaping continues to increase nationwide

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that as of Oct. 1, there are 1,080 cases of lung injury related to e-cigarette use reported in 48 states and one U.S. territory since April 2019. Eighteen people have died in 15 states and more deaths are under investigation. According to the CDC, "chemical exposure" is the suspected cause of the deaths; the agency suggests that "products containing THC play a role in the outbreak."

Illinois and Wisconsin state health departments investigated which e-cigarette products patients used in their states and found 87 percent of those interviewed used products containing tetrahydrocannabinol or THC — the psychoactive component of cannabis — during the three months before illness.



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