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Mayor Jackson, Health and Human Services Chair Griffin and Cleveland Public Health Advises Against Use of E-Cigarettes and Other Vaping Devices

CLEVELAND – Due to the nationwide outbreak of severe lung disease in those who use e-cigarette or “vaping” devices, the Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) is advising against the use of these products. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers 380 cases of lung disease associated with e-cigarette product use, or vaping, as confirmed or probable in 36 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The symptoms include cough, shortness of breath and fatigue. The cases include those that have resulted in six deaths which have been reported in California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, and Oregon.

The CDC has identified serious risks associated with e-cigarette products. Vaping exposes users to many different substances for which there is little information about related harms – including flavorings, nicotine, cannabinoids, and solvents. The CDC has declared e-cigarettes as not safe for youth, young adults, pregnant women, or adults who do not currently use tobacco products.

The Ohio Department of Health has reported that ten Ohioans have been hospitalized due to pulmonary distress following the use of e-cigarettes or other vaping products. CDPH advises anyone experiencing cough, shortness of breath, or fatigue following use of an e-cigarette or other vaping device to seek medical treatment and to inform their healthcare provider that they have recently been using those products.

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