



Siletz Community

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HARM REDUCTION IS ALL AROUND YOU!

HARM REDUCTION IS A SET OF PRACTICAL STRATEGIES AND IDEAS AIMED AT REDUCING NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES ASSOCIATED WITH RISKY BEHAVIORS



For more Information about Harm Reduction Services
Contact: Sissy Rilatos 541-270-9643

Events

Every Tuesday in October

Wear Purple and Win

All day

Every Wednesday

Women's Trauma Support Group

Behavioral Health Group Room

5:30-7pm

October 3

Blood Drive

Clinic Shell Room

October 7-10

Women's Gathering

Location TBD: 9am-4pm

October 16, 23 & 30

Apron Making

Clinic Shell Room: 5-7pm

October 24

Survivor Stories

Dance House: 6pm

Subject: OHA News Release: State investigating death from severe lung illness linked to vaping

Officials believe case may be Oregon's first in national outbreak

September 3, 2019

The Oregon Health Authority is investigating the recent death of an individual who had severe respiratory illness following use of an e-cigarette, which is also known as a vaping device.

Investigators at the OHA Public Health Division say they received reports that the individual, who died in July, had recently used an e-cigarette or vaping device containing cannabis purchased from a cannabis dispensary. OHA officials say the individual's symptoms were consistent with those of more than 200 similar cases in a national cluster of respiratory illness, mostly affecting teenagers and young adults, in at least 25 states.

"We don't yet know the exact cause of these illnesses — whether they're caused by contaminants, ingredients in the liquid or something else, such as the device itself," said Ann Thomas, M.D., public health physician at OHA's Public Health Division.

Those who have fallen ill have been hospitalized after experiencing worsening symptoms, including shortness of breath, cough, chest pain, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, fever or weight loss. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the affected states have not identified a cause, but all cases have reported e-cigarette use or vaping.

OHA investigators and local public health authorities are urging clinicians to be on alert for signs of severe respiratory illness among patients who recently used vaping products, including e-cigarettes, and report any cases. Clinicians can contact the on-call epidemiologist at [971-673-1111](tel:971-673-1111).

Individuals who have recently used vaping products such as e-cigarettes and are having difficulty breathing should seek medical attention immediately.

If you or someone you know is ready to quit using tobacco, including vaping products such as e-cigarettes, free help is available from the following resources: 800-QUIT-NOW ([800-784-8669](tel:800-784-8669)), quitnow.net.

www.thisisquitting.com (quit resource for youth).

