



**Department
of Health**

Mike DeWine, Governor
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Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, Director

In Re: Reporting Requirements for Severe Pulmonary Disease Associated with E-Cigarette or Vaping pursuant to Revised Code 3701.14 and 3701.23

Director's Journal Entry

I, Amy Acton, MD, MPH, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, declare that severe pulmonary illness following the use of e-cigarettes, or vaping, poses a threat to the health and welfare of the residents of Ohio by creating a risk of human fatality or disability. To protect the people and address the risk, I order health care providers, as defined in section 3701.23 of the Revised Code, or any individual having knowledge, to report by the end of the next business day all suspected cases of severe pulmonary illness of unclear etiology with a history of vaping in the ninety (90) days prior to symptom onset.

Guidance on complying with this Journal Entry is set forth in the September 30, 2019 Ohio Health Alert Network (HAN) "Severe Pulmonary Disease Associated with E-Cigarette or Vaping" communication attached and incorporated herein as if fully rewritten. Providers will be notified of additional guidance as appropriate.

This Journal Entry shall be effective on date of its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until further notice.

Amy Acton, MD, MPH
Director of Health

9-30-19

Date