Severe Pulmonary Disease Associated with E-cigarette Use Outbreak Case Definition (CDC) - August 26, 2019

Confirmed

Using an e-cigarette ("vaping") or dabbing* in 90 days prior to symptom onset

AND

Pulmonary infiltrate, such as opacities on plain film chest radiograph or ground-glass opacities on chest CT

AND

Absence of pulmonary infection on initial work-up: Minimum criteria include negative respiratory viral panel, influenza PCR or rapid test if local epidemiology supports testing. All other clinically indicated respiratory ID testing (e.g., urine Antigen for Streptococcus pneumoniae and Legionella, sputum culture if productive cough, bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) culture if done, blood culture, HIV-related opportunistic respiratory infections if appropriate) must be negative

AND

No evidence in medical record of alternative plausible diagnoses (e.g., cardiac, rheumatologic or neoplastic process).

Probable

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AND

Pulmonary infiltrate, such as opacities on plain film chest radiograph or ground-glass opacities on chest CT

AND

Infection identified via culture or PCR, but clinical team** believes this is not the sole cause of the underlying respiratory disease process **OR** Minimum criteria to rule out pulmonary infection not met (testing not performed) and clinical team** believes this is not the sole cause of the underlying respiratory disease process

AND

No evidence in medical record of alternative plausible diagnoses (e.g., cardiac, rheumatologic or neoplastic process).

Footnotes

* Using an electronic device (e.g., electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS), electronic cigarette, e-cigarette, vaporizer, vape(s), vape pen, dab pen, or other device) or dabbing to inhale substances (e.g., nicotine, marijuana, THC, THC concentrates, CBD, synthetic cannabinoids, flavorings, or other substances).

^{**}Clinical team caring for the patient.