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Official epi-aid request.

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Dear Dr. Baldwin and Dr. Schier,

As you are aware, Wisconsin has had numerous reports of acute pulmonary disease over the past month linked to vaping. These illnesses have all resulted in hospital admission and frequently required treatment within intensive care units. To date, we have confirmed 12 cases of lung disease linked to vaping and an additional 14 are under active investigation. The clinical syndrome is poorly defined at this point and we are reviewing extensive medical documentation. Case interviews are ongoing to help identify the specific product that is responsible.

We are requesting assistance from CDC to investigate this cluster of illnesses. This would include medical record abstraction, data management, and possibly case interviews, all of which will remain under the direction and supervision of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). DHS will retain ownership of all data collected. The assistance of a physician, or an epidemiologist with extensive experience in chart abstraction, is requested.

Sincerely,

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