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Health Department Investigates Case of Student Who Became Ill after Vaping

Harris County Health Department urges residents to avoid vaping

HOUSTON—Harris County Public Health (HCPH) was notified about a high school student in Northwest Harris County who became ill after vaping and is actively investigating the situation. HCPH will provide further updates as the situation unfolds.

Consistent with recently released Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, HCPH recommends community members not use e-cigarette products. E-cigarette products are not safe for youth, young adults, pregnant women, or adults who do not currently use tobacco.

Parents should talk to their children about the dangers of e-cigarettes. People who have trouble breathing, cough, chest pain, nausea, fatigue or other symptoms in the days or months after vaping should seek immediate medical attention.

HCPH remains committed to working with partners and healthcare providers to ensure the health and safety of the Harris County community.

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