

First vaping-related death reported in Mass.

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Massachusetts health officials on Monday revealed that a woman in her 60s from Hampshire County was the state's first known vaping-related death, the latest victim in a nationwide outbreak of potentially fatal lung ailments apparently caused by the

smoking products.

An initial report indicated the woman vaped nicotine, according to the Department of Public Health, which added that it is still investigating what products she used and where she purchased them. State health officials did not identify the woman or say when she died.

The death added urgency to determine the cause of an outbreak of lung injuries related to vaping, which has led to at least 1,080 illnesses and 22 deaths nationwide reported since late August, according to federal and state officials.

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