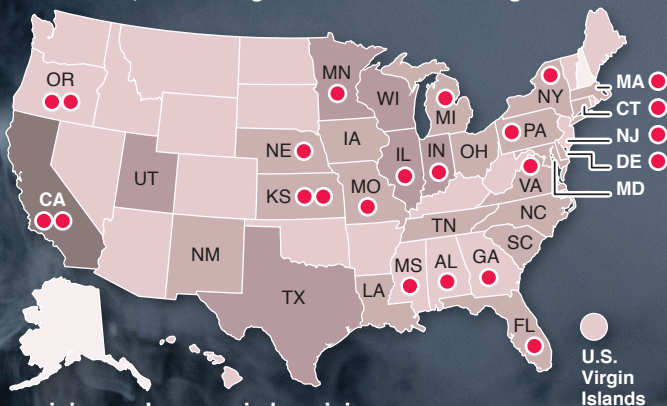
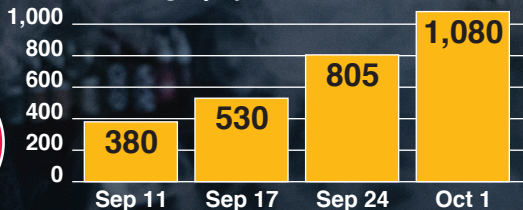


Growing number of U.S. vaping illnesses

The number of Americans afflicted with a mysterious vaping-related lung illness has surged beyond 1,000, according to U.S. health authorities, with no sign of the outbreak fading



Increase in lung injury cases



■ **70 percent** of cases are male (based on data for 889 patients)

■ **16% of cases** are under 18

■ **All patients:** Have history of e-cigarette product use or vaping

■ **Most patients:** Said they vaped products containing marijuana ingredient tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), but some said they vaped only nicotine

■ **Symptoms:** Include coughing, shortness of breath or chest pain. Some patients reported nausea or diarrhoea, as well as fever or fatigue

E-CIGARETTE RESTRICTIONS

■ **Massachusetts:** Has imposed four-month ban on sales of all vaping devices and flavours

■ **New York state, Michigan and Rhode Island:** Have banned sale of flavoured vaping products

■ **California:** Sale of vaping devices banned in San Francisco. Similar law being considered by Los Angeles

■ **Kroger Co, Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc and Walmart Inc:** Have said they would stop selling e-cigarettes at their stores