Today’s piece was prepared by Gaby Sauza, MD, based on a New York Times article [New York Moves to Ban Flavored E-Cigarettes by Emergency Order](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/15/nyregion/vaping-ban-ny.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage)

This article details the move by Gov. Cuomo to ban most flavors of e-cigarettes by an emergency order that would take place immediately, in an effort to decrease use by young people. It goes on to mention the outbreak of severe lung disease recently linked to e-cigarette use, which has led to several deaths. The American Lung Association is concerned that excluding menthol flavor from the ban will limit its effectiveness. E-cigarette vendors are concerned about the economic impact of the ban. The governor has already signed a bill raising the age limit of tobacco products, including electronic-cigarette products to 21.

One of the strengths of this article is the appropriate balance in viewpoints, including the argument that e-cigarettes have been used by some as an aid to quit smoking. However, counterpoints are not provided.

Additionally, while discussing negative health consequences associated with e-cigarettes, the leaders quoted in this article focus on lung-related complications without mentioning the [negative effect of nicotine on brain development in youth and adolescents](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26048001), a fact that often goes unmentioned in media sources on this subject. The prefrontal cortex continues developing into the 20s, posing risk of detrimental effects on cognition, impulse control, and attention as a result of nicotine exposure.

**RESOURCES ON SUBSTANCE USE:**[Vaping: What you need to know](https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/e-cigarettes.html) *Teens Health, sponsored by Nemours, KidsHealth*[E-Cigarettes: Quick facts & Resources](https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/Richmond-Center/Pages/Electronic-Nicotine-Delivery-Systems.aspx) *American Academy of Pediatrics*

And that’s today’s Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics: IN THE NEWS!