The Pandemic That Preceded SARS-CoV-2
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Even before the rise of SARS-CoV-2, there was another silent epidemic spreading amongst adolescents: e-cigarette use. Between 2017 and 2019, the reported use of e-cigarettes among high school students more than doubled (from 11.7% to 27.5%), and rates among middle students more than tripled (from 3.3% to 10.5%). Furthermore, E-cigarettes and their terminology are needlessly varied and ever changing, creating a unique challenge for physicians and parents trying to stay informed.

As the AAP's new 'E-cigarette Chapter Champion' for Kentucky, I will be compiling, creating, and sharing resources with our chapter throughout the year. These will include news updates, handouts, toolkits, and local advocacy and community engagement opportunities. It is my goal to better support you and your patients in the battle against the e-cigarette epidemic.

To start, I have included some introductory materials and upcoming events.

The Coalition for a Smoke Free Tomorrow: Is holding a Virtual Rally to engage KY Legislatures and support the pending Senate Bill 81, and House Bill 147. These bills will give cities and counties tools to improve local health/tobacco control. This will be part of the KY Youth Advocates' Children's' Advocacy Week at the Capitol (February 1-5).
https://www.smokefreetomorrow.org/upcoming-events
https://kyyouth.org/childrens-advocacy-day-at-the-capitol/

E-Cigarettes Visual Dictionary: Information on the various types/terminology of e-cigarette products currently available.
https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/pdfs/ecigarette-or-vaping-products-visual-dictionary-508.pdf

AAP's E-Cigarette Curriculum: A new resource for anyone motivate to learn more about e-cigarettes, including screening, counselling, and treatment.
https://services.aap.org/en/education/e-cigarette-curriculum/