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## BACKGROUND

- Vaping among youth has reached epidemic proportions.<sup>1</sup>
- The use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) has erased the progress made in reducing overall tobacco use among youth.<sup>1</sup>
- The variety of flavors provided for ENDS products play a major role in youth vaping appeal.<sup>2</sup>
- In the United States, vaping has suddenly turned deadly with over 2000 cases of E-Cigarette or Vaping Product Use Associated Lung Injury (EVALI) and 39 deaths.<sup>3</sup>
- Regulations on the sale of tobacco products have resulted in unintended consequences for youth seeking cessation therapies.<sup>4</sup>
- Resources for vaping cessation are needed to combat this newer epidemic among youth.

## RESEARCH QUESTION

Do US Smokers' Quitline's "Quitsites" provide enough information and resources to be supportive of vaping cessation?

## METHODS

- North American Quitline Consortium (NAQC) and other web-based sources were used to locate state-level Quitline associated "Quitsites".
- Independent raters examined Quitsites and completed checklists for the presence or absence of information supportive of "vaping cessation".
- The research team met iteratively to refine the checklist results, re-review selected state websites, and refine final categories for inclusion ( Table 1, 2).

**Table 1: United States Quitsites' Vaping Information and Cessation Resources**

State	Dedicated Page On Vaping	Harms of Vaping	Flavors Are Harmful	Cessation Resources	Speak to Healthcare Providers	News And Information	Covid-19
Alabama							
Alaska							
Arkansas							
California							
Colorado							
Connecticut							
Florida							
Georgia							
Hawaii							
Idaho							
Illinois							
Indiana							
Iowa							
Kansas							
Kentucky							
Louisiana							
Maine							
Maryland							
Massachusetts							
Michigan							
Minnesota							
Montana							
Nebraska							
Nevada							
New Hampshire							
New Jersey							
New York							
North Carolina							
North Dakota							
Ohio							
Oklahoma							
Pennsylvania							
Rhode Island							
South Carolina							
South Dakota							
Tennessee							
Utah							
Vermont							
Washington D.C.							
Wisconsin							
Wyoming							

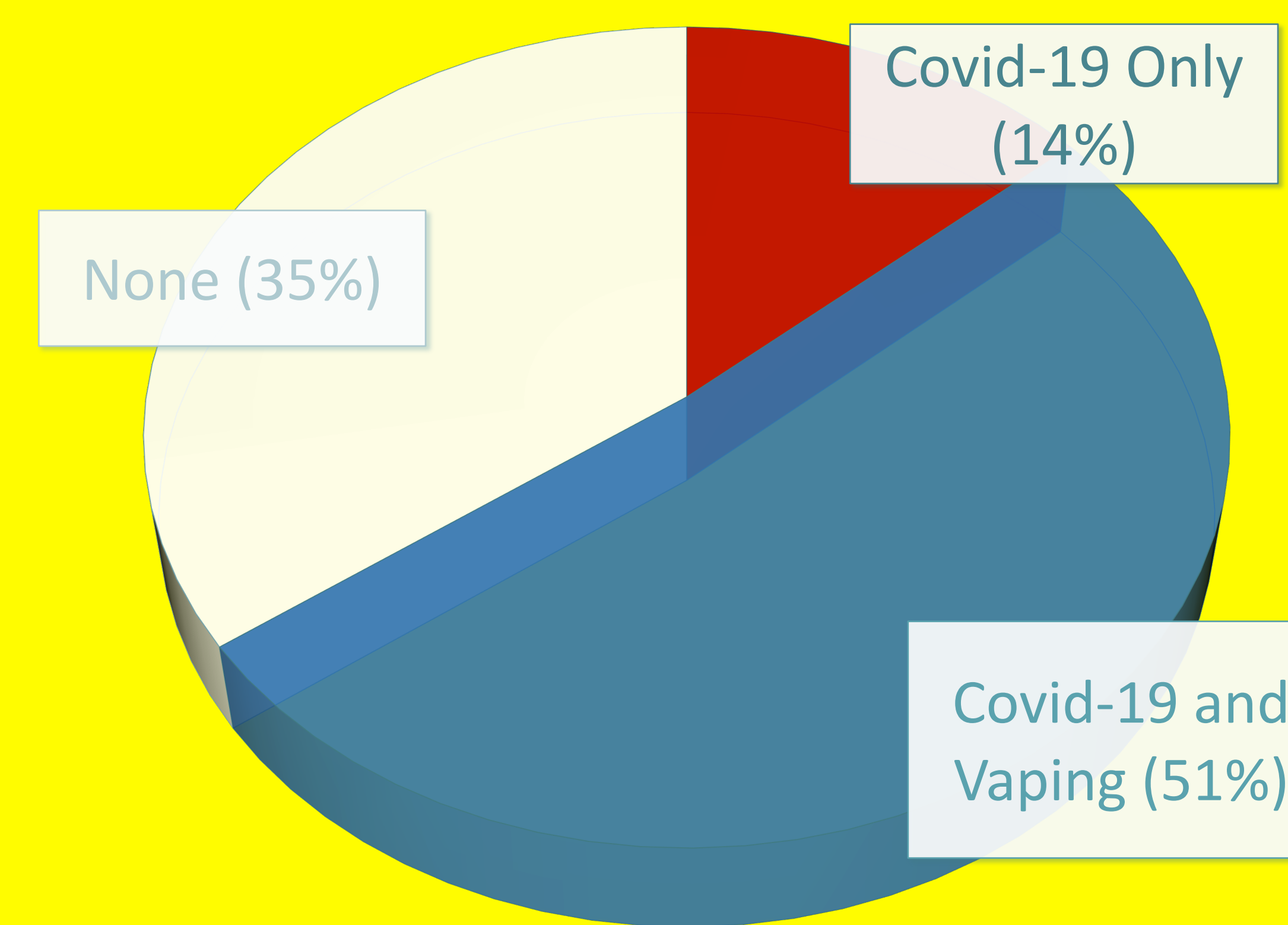
\* States not listed either had no information on vaping (N=9), or had broken links (n=3)

**Table 2: Canadian Quitsites' Vaping Information and Cessation Resources**

Province	Dedicated Page On Vaping	Harms of Vaping	Flavors Are Harmful	Cessation Resources	Speak to Healthcare Provider	News And Information	Covid19/ Vaping
Alberta							
British Columbia*							
Manitoba*							
New Brunswick*							
Nova Scotia*							
Ontario*							
Prince E. Island*							
Saskatchewan*							
Yukon*							
Newfoundland							
Quebec							

\*8 out of 11 states were linked to the same website  
 \*\*States not listed had no information on vaping (N=2)

**Table 3: Percentages of Quitsites that Present Information Pertaining to COVID-19 and Vaping**



## RESULTS

- 42 of 66 (63.7%) of North American Quitline Consortium (NAQC) Quitsites had webpages dedicated to vaping.
- Although 45 of 66 (68.2%) quitsites presented information on the harms of vaping, only 26 sites (47.3%) messaged that Flavors are harmful.
- More than 1/2 of the quitsites (56.1%) had cessation resources, and 22 quitsites (33.3%) recommended speaking to a Health Care Provider.
- 43 quitsites included information pertaining to Covid-19, however some were not in reference to vaping (n=9, see Table 3).

## DISCUSSION

- Information on harms of vaping has stayed the same (68.2%) across all the quitsites since our previous study.<sup>5</sup> However, there was an increase of the numbers of quitsites that had dedicated pages to vaping from 40.9% to 63.7%.
- Moreover, there was an increase from 22.7% to 47.3% on the number of quitsites that mention the harms of flavors.
- It is important to note that about 51% of all quitsites shared information on COVID-19 and linked it to vaping.
- Although 8 out of 13 Canadian provinces linked to the same webpage that satisfied all the categories, most information was hard to locate or was lacking in detail.
- Next Steps: Continually conduct observational analyses such as the present study.

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