Tobacco is also a major risk factor for noncommunicable diseases like cardiovascular disease, cancer, respiratory disease and diabetes, which put people with these conditions at higher risk for developing severe illness when affected by COVID-19.

COVID-19 is an infectious disease that attacks the lungs.

Vaping is linked to a substantially increased risk of COVID-19 among teenagers and young adults.

Being a current or former cigarette smoker increases your risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

Smoking or vaping impairs lung function making it harder for the body to fight off coronaviruses and other respiratory infections.

Tobacco kills more than 8 million people globally every year.

More than 7 million of these deaths are from direct tobacco use.

Approximately 1.2 million are due to non-smokers being exposed to second-hand smoke.