Is Coronavirus Spread by Vaping?

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A Scottish Doctor has called for ban on vaping to reduce transmission of Coronavirus.

In a letter to the BMJ (https://www.bmj.com/content/368/bmj.m1101/rapid-responses) Dr Andy Ashworth, a GP, claims that countries where e-cigarettes are banned, restricted or discouraged appear to have slower spread of the virus.

Speaking in Edinburgh, Dr Ashworth said "Hospital Nurses wear full hazmat when dealing with ventilator patients because of the aerosol they produce then, at the hospital entrance, they can be forced to walk through clouds of vapour exhaled from potentially infected carriers without even a mask. A single carrier, breathing out the fumes through a car window would have the potential to infect scores of pedestrians who breath in the cloud."

"e-cigarettes are a credible vector for this disease: banning public use until the crisis is over could help to protect the public and the NHS."

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