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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **Nov. 3 - 10, 2008**. If you have any questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at coca@cdc.gov.

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Seasonal Influenza

Weekly Report: Influenza Summary Update - Nov. 7

During week 44 (October 26-November 1, 2008), a low level of influenza activity was reported in the United States. Eleven (0.6%) specimens tested by U.S. World Health Organization (WHO) and National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) collaborating laboratories, and reported to CDC/Influenza Division, were positive for influenza. The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza (P&I) was below the epidemic threshold. The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) was below national and region-specific baseline levels. Fifteen states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico reported sporadic influenza activity; 35 states reported no influenza activity. <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

Weekly US Map - Nov. 7

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm>

2008-2009 Flu Vaccines: Lot Release Status - FDA - Nov. 5

Flu vaccine lots that have been released by FDA and are available for distribution by the manufacturers. For information on flu vaccine distribution schedules, please contact the manufacturers directly. <http://www.fda.gov/cber/flu/flu2008.htm>

Chemical Incidents

Hazardous Chemical Incidents in Schools - United States, 2002-2007 - CDC - MMWR Weekly - Nov. 7

The federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) conducts national public health surveillance of chemical incidents through its Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) system. To identify school-related incidents and elucidate their causes and consequences to highlight the need for intervention, ATSDR conducted an analysis of HSEES data for 2002-2007. During that period, 423 chemical incidents in elementary and secondary schools were reported by 15 participating states. Proper chemical use and management is essential to protect school building occupants. Additional education directed at raising awareness of the problem and providing resources to reduce the risk is needed to ensure that schools are safe from unnecessary dangers posed by hazardous chemicals. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5744a1.htm>

Food Safety

FDA and CBP Announce Final Rule and Compliance Policy Guide on Prior Notice of Imported

Food Shipments - FDA - Oct. 31

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced a final rule and draft compliance policy guide (CPG) for "Prior Notice of Imported Food Shipments." The final rule is part of the requirements of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002. This rule is part of FDA's efforts to protect the nation's food supply against terrorism and other food-related emergencies. The draft CPG describes FDA and CBP's strategy for enforcing the requirements of the prior notice final rule while maintaining an uninterrupted flow of food imports

<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/cfsup189.html>

Travelers' Health

Two new items were posted to CDC's Travelers' Health website concerning Avian Influenza.

Outbreak Notice Human Infection with Avian Influenza A (H5N1) Virus: Advice for Travelers - CDC - Nov. 3

<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/contentAvianFluAsia.aspx>

Outbreak Notice Guidelines and Recommendations: Interim Guidance about Avian Influenza (H5N1) for U.S. Citizens Living Abroad - CDC - Nov. 3

<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/contentAvianFluAmericansAbroad.aspx>

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