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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **Nov. 10 - 17, 2008**. If you have any questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at coca@cdc.gov.

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COCA Conference Call: Mental Health

COCA Conference Call: Mental Health in Disasters and Other Crises

Date: TOMORROW Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Time: 1:00-2:00 PM ET

Speaker: Marc A. Safran, MD, MPA, DFAPA, FACPM, CAPT, U.S. Public Health Service

Call-in information and presentation materials for this call will be posted on our website prior to the call.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp>

Wildfires

In response to the current wildfires in Southern California, we would like to remind you with the following resources:

CDC Wildfires Homepage:

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/>

Information for Responders:

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/responders.asp>

For Current Status of Incidents in California:

<http://www.fire.ca.gov/index.php>

Seasonal Influenza

Weekly Report: Influenza Summary Update - Nov. 14

During week 45 (November 2-8, 2008), a low level of influenza activity was reported in the United States. Forty (1.7%) 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. One state reported local influenza activity; 15 states and Puerto Rico reported sporadic influenza activity; 34 states and the District of Columbia reported no influenza activity.

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

Weekly US Map - Nov. 14

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

2008-2009 Flu Vaccines: Lot Release Status - FDA - Nov. 12

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>

Healthcare Facility Infection Control

National U.S. Inpatient Healthcare Facility *Clostridium difficile* Survey - APIC - Nov. 11

The APIC survey, the largest, most comprehensive of its kind, presents a one-day snapshot in time of the prevalence of *C. difficile* infection (CDI) in American hospitals. APIC's 12,000 members collected data about all of their CDI patients on one day between May and August 2008. Survey results were collected from 12.5% of all medical facilities in the U.S. that care for virtually every type of patient, including those at acute care, cancer, cardiac, children's, long-term care and rehabilitation hospitals. A total of 1,443 patients were identified with CDI from among the 648 participating hospitals.

<http://www.apic.org/AM/Template.cfm>

Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008 - CDC - Nov. 2008

The Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008, presents evidence-based recommendations on the preferred methods for cleaning, disinfection and sterilization of patient-care medical devices and for cleaning and disinfecting the healthcare environment. This document will be published in an upcoming issue of MMWR. The link below is for a PDF of this document.

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/pdf/guidelines/Disinfection_Nov_2008.pdf

Food Safety

Alabama Firm Recalls Hot Dog Products For Possible *Listeria* Contamination - USDA - Nov. 8

R. L. Zeigler Co., Inc., a Selma, Ala., firm, is recalling approximately 28,610 pounds of hot dog products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The hot dog products were produced on Sept. 22, and were sent to food service institutions and retail establishments in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The problem was discovered by the Georgia State Department of Agriculture through microbiological testing. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of this product.

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_042_2008_Release/index.asp

Travelers' Health

Two new items were posted to CDC's Travelers' Health website this past week.

Outbreak Notice Update: Dengue, Tropical and Subtropical Regions - CDC - Nov. 10

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

In the News Melamine in Chinese-Manufactured Infant Formula - CDC - Nov. 10

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

Additional Educational Opportunities

ASPR and ASTHO Webcast: Public Health Emergency Operations

Date: Today, November 17, 2008

Time: 2:00-3:00 PM ET

A discussion of public health emergency operations, from preparation to recovery, including what a Public Health Emergency Declaration provides to state governments, resources used to prepare, respond and recover, considerations in evacuating hospital and nursing home patients, lessons learned, strategies that worked well in response and recovery, and more.

Sharing recent experiences and lessons learned:

-**Jimmy Guidry, MD**, Medical Director and State Health Officer, Louisiana Department of Health and

Hospitals

- David L. Lakey, MD**, Commissioner, Texas Department of State Health Services
- Tom Newton**, Director, Iowa Department of Public Health

With moderators:

- Rear Adm. Craig Vanderwagen, M.D.**, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services
- Paul Jarris, M.D., MBA**, Executive Director, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

The following link will be active 30 minutes prior to the event: <http://videocast.nih.gov/summary.asp?live=7290>

Water Contamination and Waterborne Disease: Are Your Patients at Risk Webinar - American College of Environmental and Occupational Medicine (ACEOM)

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2008

Time: 12:00-1:30 PM ET

This webinar will provide an overview of the latest trends in waterborne disease and a discussion of recent controversies such as the presence of pharmaceuticals in drinking water and agricultural water as a potential source of *E. coli* O157:H7 infection. It will review the clinical challenges inherent in evaluating and managing patients who may have been exposed to contaminated drinking water, polluted recreational waters or water contaminated after a natural or man-made disaster. The special needs of susceptible populations at increased risk for morbidity and mortality from water-related disease will be highlighted including waterborne disease outbreaks associated with children in water parks and waterborne nosocomial infections in healthcare facilities. This webinar will also describe the role that healthcare providers can play in protecting and preserving water quality in their communities.

http://www.aceom.org/water_contamination_webinar.aspx

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