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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **Oct. 27 - Nov. 3**. If you have any questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at coca@cdc.gov.

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Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) Journal

The Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) journal provides recognition of new and re-emerging infections and understanding of factors involved in disease emergence, prevention, and elimination. It also represents the scientific communications component of CDC's efforts against the threat of emerging infections. See the **November 2008** issue of the EID journal at the following link:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/index.htm>

Seasonal Influenza

Importance of Influenza Vaccination for Health Care Personnel - FDA - Oct. 31

With the annual influenza season underway, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is urging health care organizations to ensure that influenza vaccination programs are available for health care personnel (HCP). Because unvaccinated HCP can be a primary cause of outbreaks in health care settings, annual workplace immunization programs decrease the likelihood of contracting influenza and the chance of infecting others. Therefore, the mission to ensure patient safety in each health care setting should include influenza vaccination of personnel.

<http://www.fda.gov/cber/flu/fluhealthcare.htm>

Weekly Report: Influenza Summary Update - Oct. 31

During week 43 (October 19-25, 2008), a low level of influenza activity was reported in the United States. Five (0.4%) 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. Thirteen states and Puerto Rico reported sporadic influenza activity; 36 states and the District of Columbia reported no influenza activity; and one state did not report.

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

Weekly US Map - Oct. 31

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

2008-2009 Flu Vaccines: Lot Release Status - FDA - Oct. 29

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>

Pandemic Influenza

Use of Pneumococcal Vaccines for Influenza Pandemic Preparedness - HHS

To reduce the burden of secondary bacterial pneumonia during the next influenza pandemic, CDC urges healthcare providers and state immunization programs to improve pneumococcal vaccination delivery systems for patients under their care so that national vaccine coverage increases. The ideal time to accelerate vaccination efforts is during the inter-pandemic and pandemic alert phases (phases 1 through 3), when the threat of a pandemic is not imminent. At this time, CDC does not recommend changes to existing recommendations for use or stockpiling of pneumococcal vaccines in anticipation of a pandemic.

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/vaccine/pneumococcal.html>

Avian Influenza

Genetics Provide Evidence for the Movement of Avian Influenza Viruses from Asia to North America via Migratory Birds - USGS - Oct. 27

Wild migratory birds may be more important carriers of avian influenza viruses from continent to continent than previously thought, according to new scientific research that has important implications for highly pathogenic avian influenza virus surveillance in North America.

<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=2044>

Bioterrorism Preparedness

Rocky Mountain Regional Care Model for Bioterrorist Events: Locate Alternate Care Sites During an Emergency - AHRQ

The primary purpose of this effort was to develop a Rocky Mountain Regional Care Model for Bioterrorist Events for Federal Region VIII that addressed medical surge capacity needs in the event of a bioterrorist incident. The overarching purpose of this project was to develop an exportable surge capacity model that included exportable tools for regional bioterrorism planners and decision makers at the national, State, local, and provider level.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/altsites/>

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