



# COCA Update

Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA)  
CDC Emergency Communication System

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**COCA Updates** are disseminated biweekly. More frequent distributions occur when there is emergency information or CDC event-specific updates to share. The next COCA Update is scheduled for **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

This issue contains information from **March 26 – April 09, 2012** and guidance documents relevant to current public health events.

For questions about these or other clinical issues, please write to us at [coca@cdc.gov](mailto:coca@cdc.gov).

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## COCA News and Announcements

### Recently Archived COCA Calls/Webinars

#### Epidemiology and Clinical Features of Lyme Disease

[http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2012/callinfo\\_030612.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2012/callinfo_030612.asp)

#### 2011-2012 Influenza Season: Antiviral Medication Recommendations

[http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2012/callinfo\\_022812.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2012/callinfo_022812.asp)

Additional Archived COCA Conference Calls are available at: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp>

Free CE credit/contact hours (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most COCA calls.

## CDC News and Announcements

### CDC's Second Nutrition Report (2012)

CDC released its Second Nutrition Report on Biochemical Indicators of Diet and Nutrition in the U.S. Population. CDC's Second Nutrition Report covers 58 biochemical indicators and shows us what the actual levels of nutrition indicators are in the general population. CDC's Division of Laboratory Sciences measured these indicators in blood and urine samples collected from participants in CDC's National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). The report gives nutritionists, clinicians, and public health officials access to critical nutrition data and can be used to assess rates of inadequate or excess intake in the U.S. population and population subgroups. Access the report and executive summary online to learn more!

Nutrition Report website: <http://www.cdc.gov/nutritionreport/>

Executive Summary: <http://www.cdc.gov/nutritionreport/summary.html>

## Did You Know?

“Did You Know?” is a weekly feature from the Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support to highlight prevention activities. The series features research and program activity from CDC. Please access, use, and share this information broadly with your colleagues and partners.

<http://www.cdc.gov/stltpublichealth/didyouknow/index.html>

## CDC Scienceclips: Volume 4 – Apr 03 (CDC)

Each week, to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge, selected science clips will be posted for the public health community. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

<http://www.cdc.gov/phlic/sciclips/issues/>

## Public Health Preparedness

### Get CDC Health Tips & Alerts via Text Message – Apr 09 (CDC)

Mobile technology is revolutionizing how CDC communicates important health information. Sign up to receive text message alerts and weekly health tips.

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HealthTextAlerts/>

### Disabilities: Emergency Preparedness Training – Mar 26 (CDC)

For the millions of Americans with disabilities, emergencies such as fires and floods present real challenges. Learn how people with disabilities, their families, and first responders can plan ahead for safety during a disaster.

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/EmergencyPreparedness/>

### Bombing and Blast Injury Care and Response – Mar 26 (CDC)

A blast or bombing can wreak havoc in a moment's notice, producing mass casualties with complex, technically challenging injuries not commonly seen after natural disasters. Learn how to save lives and build resilience.

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/BlastInjuries/>

### Emergency Preparedness and Response (CDC)

Find resources for All Hazards and Specific Hazards preparedness.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp>

### Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources Page for Clinicians (CDC)

Find online and in-person training centers and resources at

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

## Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

### Wildfires – Mar 30 (CDC)

Smoke from wildfires is a mixture of gases and fine particles from burning trees and other plant materials. Smoke can hurt your eyes, irritate your respiratory system, and worsen chronic heart and lung diseases. Know whether you are at risk and protect yourself.

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

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### **Key Facts About Flood Readiness – Mar 27 (CDC)**

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/readiness.asp>

### **Tornadoes: Being Prepared – (CDC)**

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/tornadoes/prepared.asp>

## **Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)**

MMWR publications are prepared by the CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html>.

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- [Outbreak of Meningococcal Disease Associated with an Elementary School — Oklahoma, March 2010](#)
- [HIV, Other STD, and Pregnancy Prevention Education in Public Secondary Schools — 45 States, 2008–2010](#)
- [Influenza Outbreaks at Two Correctional Facilities — Maine, March 2011](#)
- [Announcement: STD Awareness Month — April 2012](#)
- [Notifiable Diseases and Mortality Tables](#)

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- [The Epidemiology Workforce in State and Local Health Departments — United States, 2010](#)
- [FDA Approval of an Extended Period for Administering VariZIG for Postexposure Prophylaxis of Varicella](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Severe Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease Associated with Coxsackievirus A6 — Alabama, Connecticut, California, and Nevada, November 2011–February 2012](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 61, Supplement, January 6, 2012](#)
- [Notifiable Diseases and Mortality Tables](#)

## **Infectious, Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases**

### ***Influenza***

#### **Weekly Flu View – Apr 06 (CDC)**

During week 13, 7.2% of all deaths reported through the 122-Cities Mortality Reporting System were due to pneumonia and influenza. This percentage was below the epidemic threshold of 7.8% for week 13.

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

#### **Flu and Heart Disease & Stroke – Mar 28 (CDC)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/heartdisease/index.htm>

### ***Tuberculosis***

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### **TB in Children in the United States – Apr 06 (CDC)**

TB disease in children under 15 years of age (also called pediatric tuberculosis) is a public health problem of special significance because it is a marker for recent transmission of TB. Also of special significance, infants and young children are more likely than older children and adults to develop life-threatening forms of TB disease (e.g., disseminated TB, TB meningitis). Among children, the greatest numbers of TB cases are seen in children less than 5 years of age, and in adolescents older than 10 years of age.

<http://www.cdc.gov/tb/topic/populations/TBinChildren/default.htm>

## **Travel Safety**

### **Current Travel Warnings – Apr 06 (US Department of State)**

Travel Warnings are issued when long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable lead the State Department to recommend that Americans avoid or consider the risk of travel to that country. A Travel Warning is also issued when the U.S. Government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of its staff.

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_1764.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html)

### **Safe and Healthy Travel for Senior Citizens – Apr 02 (CDC)**

Learn how senior citizens can prepare for safe and healthy travel to international destinations.

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/SeniorTravel/>

## **Food, Drug and Device Safety**

### **FoodSafety.gov Reports FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting & Resources – Apr 09 (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)**

For recalls and alerts by both FDA and USDA, or to report a problem or make inquiries, visit FoodSafety.gov.

<http://www.foodsafety.gov/index.html>

### **Food Safety at Fairs and Festivals – Apr 09 (CDC)**

A fun summer activity is attending fairs, festivals, carnivals, and rodeos. Follow these tips to have a safe cooking, eating, and drinking experience at those events.

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/FairsAndFood/>

### **Multistate Outbreak of *Salmonella* Bareilly Infections – Apr 06 (CDC)**

CDC is collaborating with public health officials in many states and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to investigate a multistate outbreak of *Salmonella* serotype Bareilly infections. *Salmonella* Bareilly is an unusual serotype of *Salmonella*.

<http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/bareilly-04-12/index.html>

### **FDA and ISMP Work to Prevent Medication Errors – Apr 05 (FDA)**

FDA has formed a partnership with the Institute for Safe Medication Practices to protect consumers from preventable mistakes in the labeling, packaging, prescribing and dispensing of medicines.

<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm297644.htm>

### **FSIS Issues Tips to Stay Food Safe During Spring Festivities – Apr 02 (FSIS)**

Spring celebrations call for traditional menu items that families may not prepare often during the year, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is providing food safety tips to reduce the risk of foodborne illness when using unfamiliar cooking and serving methods.

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/NR\\_040212\\_01/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/NR_040212_01/index.asp)

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The Emergency Risk Communication Branch (ERCB) **Health Partners Outreach Team** works to enhance partners' knowledge of emerging threats and their effects on human populations, and to provide relevant, timely information to help manage these threats by developing and maintaining mechanisms for communication. The Health Partners Outreach Team is responsible for the management of all COCA products.

**For information on this and other clinical issues or to send your feedback please contact us at [coca@cdc.gov](mailto:coca@cdc.gov)**

The Health Partners Outreach Team offers a variety of free tools and resources to help you enhance your knowledge of emergency preparedness and response:

[CDC Health Partners Outreach Facebook page](#) - real time updates, guidance, and situational awareness for public health partners on Facebook.

[Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#) – resources for Healthcare providers.

[Subscribe the COCA RSS Feed](#) - get notified of conference calls, updates, and CDC guidance for health providers.

[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication \(CERC\) Training](#) - course on the fundamentals of CDC's Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication.

[Selective National Assessment Profiles \(SNAPS\)](#) - snapshots of state population data and local-level community profile information.

[Risk Communicator](#) –quarterly online newsletter providing guidance for emergency risk communication strategy.



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