



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 will be disseminated **June 4th**.

This issue contains information from **May 7-21, 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.

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COCA News and Announcements

Recently Archived COCA Call/Webinar

Improving Disaster Planning in Nursing Homes and Home Health Agencies – May 8 (CDC)

http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2012/callinfo_050812.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.

New Name for the COCA E-mail Distribution Listserv

COCA E-mail distribution list has a new name, CDC-COCA@listserv.cdc.gov. COCA subscribers now receive COCA Updates, Conference and Training Announcements, CDC Health Alert Network (HAN) Messages, Clinical Reminders, and COCA Call Announcements through the new listserv. COCA no longer distributes E-mails through CDC-Clinician Terrorism Training Listserv or CDC-Clinician Terrorism Update Listserv. Visit the COCA website and update your COCA subscriber contact information at

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

CDC News and Announcements

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>

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CDC Science Clips: Volume 4, Issue: 19 – May 14 (CDC)

Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. This week's Science Clips features scientific articles related to the growing threat of multidrug-resistant gonorrhea, and what actions public health, clinicians, and at-risk people can take.

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

Public Health Preparedness

HHS Announces Available Funding for Construction, Renovation of School-based Health Centers – May 9 (HHS)

School-based health centers are an important component of the nation's health care safety net. The centers enable children with acute or chronic illnesses to attend school as well as help to improve the overall health and wellness of children and adolescents through health screenings, health promotion and disease prevention activities. By making the connection to health care easy, school-based health centers ensure that children have access to the services they need to lead healthy lives.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/05/20120509a.html>

2012 Epidemiology & Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases – May 8 (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/epivac/default.htm>

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)

A resource for scheduled and on-demand emergency preparedness and response trainings offered by federal agencies and COCA partners.

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

CDC Public Health Matters Blog (CDC)

CDC shares stories on preparing for and responding to public health events.

<http://blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters/>

Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp>

Wildfires – (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/>

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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- [Hepatitis Awareness Month and National Hepatitis Testing Day — May 2012](#)
- [Investigation of Viral Hepatitis Infections Possibly Associated with Health-Care Delivery — New York City, 2008–2011](#)
- [Multiple Outbreaks of Hepatitis B Virus Infection Related to Assisted Monitoring of Blood Glucose Among Residents of Assisted Living Facilities — Virginia, 2009–2011](#)
- [Drowning — United States, 2005–2009](#)
- [Promotion of Healthy Swimming After a Statewide Outbreak of Cryptosporidiosis Associated with Recreational Water Venues — Utah, 2008–2009](#)
- [Progress Toward Interruption of Wild Poliovirus Transmission — Worldwide, January 2011–March 2012](#)
- [Notes from the Field : Hepatitis C Virus Infections Among Young Adults — Rural Wisconsin, 2010](#)
- [Announcements: Recreational Water Illness and Injury Prevention Week — May 21–27, 2012](#)
- [Notifiable Diseases and Mortality Tables](#)

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- [New Framework \(GRADE\) for Development of Evidence-Based Recommendations by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#)
- [Announcements: Healthy Vision Month — May 2012](#)
- [Announcements: Skin Cancer Awareness Month — May 2012](#)
- [Notifiable Diseases and Mortality Tables](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases

Influenza

Weekly Flu View – (CDC)

During week 19 (May 6-12, 2012), influenza activity declined nationally and in most regions, but remained elevated in some areas of the United States.

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

Final Estimates for 2009–10 Seasonal Influenza and Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccination Coverage – United States, August 2009 through May, 2010 – May 13 (CDC)

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/coverage_0910estimates.htm

Infectious Diseases

WHO Reports Some Progress Toward Millennium Goals for Infectious Diseases – May 16 (WHO)

The World Health Organization (WHO) described mixed results in the battles against major infectious diseases, in an update on progress toward the health components of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDG). The goals were set by the UN in 2000, with targets for 2015.

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs290/en/index.html>

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) – What You Need To Know – May 14 (CDC)

Pertussis (whooping cough) is very contagious and can cause serious illness—especially in infants too young to be fully vaccinated. Pertussis vaccines are recommended for children, teens, and adults, including pregnant women.

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

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Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease – May 14 (CDC)

Hand, foot, and mouth disease is a contagious viral illness that commonly affects infants and children. There is no vaccine to prevent the disease. But, you and your family can take simple steps to reduce your risk.

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

CDC Tuberculosis (TB) Spanish Website is Now Available – May 14 (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/tb/esp/>

Hepatitis Awareness – May 14 (CDC)

Take CDC's new online Hepatitis Risk Assessment. Answer a few questions and then you will receive personalized viral hepatitis testing and vaccination recommendations.

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

Viral Hepatitis Updates from CDC – May 11 (CDC)

May is Hepatitis Awareness Month. During the month of May, CDC's Division of Viral Hepatitis (DVH) will be observing Hepatitis Awareness Month and the first ever national Hepatitis Testing Day on May 19th. Buttons, badges, and banners are ready to download and use on emails and websites.

<http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HepAwarenessMonth.htm>

Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) Journal

EID is prepared by the CDC. [EID Home Page](#)

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Highlights in this issue include

- [Trends in Invasive Infection with Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus, Connecticut, USA, 2001–2010](#)
- [Community Survey after Rabies Outbreaks, Flagstaff, Arizona, USA](#)
- [Clostridium difficile Infection, Colorado and the Northwestern United States, 2007](#)

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – May 8 (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

Food, Drug and Device Safety

FoodSafety.gov Reports FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting & Resources – May 17 (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 Allergies: What You Need to Know – May 15 (FDA)

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/ucm079311.htm>

Update: Multistate Outbreak of *Salmonella* Bareilly Infections Associated with a Raw Scraped Ground Tuna Product – May 17 (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*. A total of 316 persons infected with the outbreak strains of *Salmonella* Bareilly (304 persons) or *Salmonella* Nchanga (12 persons) have been reported from 26 states and the District of Columbia.

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

Multistate Outbreak of Human *Salmonella* Infantis Infections Linked to Dry Dog Food – May 11 (CDC)

CDC is collaborating with public health and agriculture officials in multiple states and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to investigate an ongoing multistate outbreak of human *Salmonella* Infantis infections. A total of 15 individuals infected with the outbreak strain of *Salmonella* Infantis have been reported from 9 states. Additionally, one ill person has been reported from Canada.

<http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/dog-food-05-12/index.html>

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The Emergency Risk Communication Branch (ERCB) Clinician Communication Team (CCT) 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 Clinician Communication 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

ERCB 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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