



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 **July 2nd**.

This issue contains information from **Jun 04 – Jun 18, 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

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

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 – Jun 12 (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/scioclips/issues/>

Public Health Preparedness

Nearly half of U.S. adults were not receiving key preventive health services before 2010 – Jun 14 (CDC)

Only about half of U.S. adults received selected preventive services such as screenings, consultations and prescriptions, from a health care professional before 2010, according to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2012/p0614_preventive_health.htm

ATSDR's Toxic Substances Web Portal – Jun 11 (CDC)

ATSDR's redesigned Toxic Substances Web Portal makes it easier for researchers and citizens to find information about toxic chemicals and related health effects. Learn how toxic substances can affect health and how to prevent exposure.

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

Keep Kids Safe and Healthy This Summer – Jun 11 (CDC)

Summer's a great time to relax and have fun. Whether they are young children or teens, keep kids safe and healthy this summer, at home, play, while traveling, and wherever else they may be.

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

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>

Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID)

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

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- [Assessment of Public Health Events through International Health Regulations, United States, 2007–2011](#)
- [Predicting Risk for Death from MRSA Bacteremia](#)
- [Treatment Duration for Patients with Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis, United States](#)

Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

NEW: 2012 Hurricane Health & Safety Tips - Have a Plan to Evacuate – Jun 11 (CDC)

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/evacuate.asp>

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>

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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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- [Helmet Use Among Motorcyclists Who Died in Crashes and Economic Cost Savings Associated With State Motorcycle Helmet Laws — United States, 2008–2010](#)
- [Pneumoconiosis and Advanced Occupational Lung Disease Among Surface Coal Miners — 16 States, 2010–2011](#)
- [Notes from the Field: *Salmonella* Typhi Infections Associated with Contaminated Water — Zimbabwe, October 2011–May 2012](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Human *Salmonella* Infantis Infections Linked to Dry Dog Food — United States and Canada, 2012](#)
- [Notifiable Diseases and Mortality Tables](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases

Weekly Flu View – Jun 18 (CDC)

During week 23, 6.3% 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 7.1% for week 23.

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

Pertussis: A known villain. Are you protected? – Jun 11 (CDC)

<http://blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters/2012/06/pertussis-are-you-protected/>

E. coli Infection – Jun 10 (CDC)

Although most strains of *E. coli* are harmless, others can make you sick. Learn about *E. coli* and what you can do to help lower the risk of infection.

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

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – Jun 15 (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 – Jun 15 (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>

FDA approves new combination vaccine that protects children against two bacterial diseases – Jun 14 (FDA)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Menhibrix, a combination vaccine for infants and children ages 6 weeks through 18 months, for prevention of invasive disease caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroups C and Y and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b.

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm308350.htm>

Update Multistate Outbreak of Human *Salmonella* Infantis Infections Linked to Dry Dog Food – Jun 13 (CDC) <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/dog-food-05-12/index.html>

NEW: Multistate Outbreak of Shiga Toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* O145 Infections – Jun 11 (CDC)
CDC is collaborating with public health officials in multiple states to investigate a multistate outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* serogroup O145 (STEC O145) infections. Public health investigators are using DNA "fingerprints" of *E. coli* bacteria obtained through diagnostic testing with pulsed-field gel electrophoresis, or PFGE, to identify cases of illness that may be part of this outbreak.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ecoli/2012/O145-06-12/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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