



COCA Weekly Update

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The following updates were made to CDC information and guidance from **January 19 – January 31, 2011**. If you have any questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at coca@cdc.gov.

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COCA On-Demand Training

COCA Conference Call(s) Resources

Archived COCA Conference Calls are available on the COCA website at: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp>. You can get **FREE** CE credit/contact hours (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, and CECH) for most COCA calls! Simply download the PowerPoint and follow along with the audio file, both of which are posted on the COCA website after a call. Our most recent calls include:

- *Engaging Youth in Public Health Preparedness and Response* (01/27/11)
http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2011/callinfo_012711.asp
- *Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Records Incentive Program: Promoting the Adoption of Electronic Health Information Technology* (01/25/11)
http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2011/callinfo_012511.asp
- *Cholera in Haiti – Why U.S. Clinicians Need to Care* (12/15/10)
http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2010/callinfo_112310.asp
- *Influenza Preparedness in the Pediatric Population* (12/14/10)
http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2010/callinfo_121410.asp

H1N1 & Seasonal Influenza Resources

Flu View -- 2010-2011 Influenza Season Week 3 ending January 22, 2011 – CDC (Jan 28)

During week 3 (January 16-22, 2011), influenza activity in the United States increased. U.S. World Health Organization (WHO) and the National Respiratory and the Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) reported that of the 5,823 specimens collected, 1,754 (30.1%) of the specimens tested positive for influenza.

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

Seasonal Flu: International Situation Update – CDC (Jan 27)

This report is a summary of key influenza-related updates created from regional World Health Organization (WHO) reports, country reports, CDC field staff updates, and other sources.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/international/activity.htm>

UPDATE: 2010-2011 Influenza Antiviral Medications: A Summary for Clinicians – CDC (Jan 24)

A summary of the 2010-2011 influenza antiviral recommendations for clinicians.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/antivirals/summary-clinicians.htm>

It's not too late to vaccinate – Get your flu vaccine today! – CDC (Jan 21)

Late Season Flu Matte article.

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/general/LateSeasonFluMatte.pdf>

Self-Reported Influenza-Like Illness During the 2009 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic – United States, September 2009-March 2010 – CDC (Jan 21)

Average monthly percentages of self-reported influenza-like illness were calculated from data collected during a state-based, random-digit-dialed telephone survey of the noninstitutionalized U.S. population aged ≥18 years.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6002a1.htm>

Video: Antiviral Treatment of Influenza: The Latest Guidelines – CDC/Medscape (Jan 20)

Video from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Expert Commentary featuring Alicia M. Fry, MD, MPH a physician with CDC's Influenza Division.

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/734611>

Antiviral Agents for the Treatment and Chemoprophylaxis of Influenza: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) – CDC (Jan 20)

This report contains information on treatment and chemoprophylaxis of influenza virus infection and provides a summary of the effectiveness and safety of antiviral treatment medications.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6001a1.htm>

Locate all H1N1 Flu and Public Health Guidance Documents

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>

Haiti Cholera Outbreak

NEW: Public Health Matters Blog post – CDC (Jan 26)

New post on the Public Health Matters blog on "Haiti Cholera Response: Stories from the Field, Part 2."

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

Cholera Information for Healthcare Professionals

Cholera resources for healthcare professionals addressing diagnosis, testing, treatment, patient care, and prevention.

http://www.cdc.gov/haiticholera/hc_professionals.htm

For additional information and Cholera resources visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/haiticholera/>

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Toxic Substances Web Portal – CDC/ATSDR (Jan 24)

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) newly redesigned *Toxic Substances Web Portal* provides comprehensive access to the best science, the latest research, and important information about how toxic substances can affect health.

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

When Working in the Cold, Be Prepared and Be Aware – CDC (Jan 24)

When workers do their jobs in the cold, they face many risks. Some cold-weather dangers are obvious, but others are harder to see. Sometimes you might not even think it's very cold, but a cold-weather injury can still harm you. When you must work in the cold, always remember to be prepared and be aware.

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

Coordinate School Health – Key Strategies – CDC (Jan 24)

The health of young people is strongly linked to their academic success. Learn how to improve students' health and academic achievement by coordinating health programs within schools and among education, health, and social service agencies.

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

USDA CONSUMER ALERT: Keeping Food Safe During An Emergency – USDA (Jan 28)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is issuing recommendations to help minimize the potential for foodborne illnesses in the wake of continuing winter weather events that can leave communities without power for extended periods.

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/NR_012711_01/index.asp

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

MMWR Weekly - CDC (Jan28)

MMWR series is prepared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The following emergency preparedness and response related articles of interest were recently published:

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- [Interim Guidance: Preexposure Prophylaxis for the Prevention of HIV Infection in Men Who Have Sex with Men](#)
- [Updated Recommendations for Use of Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccines --- Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\), 2010](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Respiratory Diphtheria-Like Illness Caused by Toxigenic *Corynebacterium ulcerans* --- Idaho, 2010](#)
- [Notifiable Diseases and Mortality Tables](#)

To electronically subscribe to the MMWR, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr> and enter your email address in the box entitled **Get email updates** or click on **MMWR Subscriptions**.

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Food & Drug Safety

Recalls, Market Withdrawals, & Safety Alert – FDA (Jan 28)

For information on recent FDA recalls, market recalls, and safety alerts please click on the following link:
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/default.htm>

Current Drug Shortages Reported by US Food and Drug Administration – FDA (Jan 27)

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugShortages/ucm050792.htm>

Important information for ARIXTRA Starter Kit patients regarding Triad Group's alcohol prep products – FDA (Jan 24)

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) has become aware of a United States market recall of all lots of alcohol prep pads, swabs and swab sticks manufactured by the Triad Group and marketed under various brand names. The Triad Group recall has been initiated due to concerns about potential microbial contamination of the alcohol products with *Bacillus cereus* that could potentially lead to life-threatening infections.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm241097.htm>

Mama Rose's Gourmet Foods Recalls Products Because of Possible botulinum Clostridium Contamination – FDA (Jan 20)

Mama Rose's Gourmet Foods of Phoenix, AZ is voluntarily recalling Cilantro Con Queso, Garlic Con Queso, Viper Venom Con Queso and Hopi Corn Salsa, because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum*.

Consumers are warned not to use the product even if it does not look or smell spoiled.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm240560.htm>

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