



COCA Update

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

April 4, 2011

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 11, 2011**.

The following CDC information and guidance is from **March 28 – April 4, 2011**. For questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at coca@cdc.gov.

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COCA News and Announcements

Upcoming COCA Webinar: State Level Pediatric Emergency Preparedness

Date: April 20, 2011

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Call Number: 888-673-9802

Passcode: 4829527

Children are extremely vulnerable during disaster situations. States play a critical role in the recovery of pediatric health following a disaster, and should have appropriate "All-Hazards" emergency preparedness plans that address the unique needs of pediatrics. During this COCA conference call subject matter experts will discuss gaps in pediatric preparedness and national recommendations aimed to improve pediatric emergency preparedness at the state level.

Registration: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pf7m85dab&oeidk=a07e3ly27xl8957169e>

For more information on this call: http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2011/callinfo_042011.asp

Upcoming COCA Webinar: Measures to Prevent Disease Associated with Animals

Date: April 21, 2011

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Call Number: 888-989-3090

Passcode: 4443385

The convergence of people, animals, and our environment has created a new dynamic in which the health of each group is inextricably interconnected. Disease outbreaks associated with animals in public settings have been increasingly reported in recent years. Join us for this COCA call where subject matter experts will

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discuss the importance of public health reporting of clusters of illness associated with animals in public settings, review CDC and National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians recommendations to minimize associated disease and injury risks related to animals contact.

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For more information on this call: http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2011/callinfo_042111.asp

COCA Conference Call Resources

Archived COCA Conference Calls are available on the COCA website at:

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp> . Free CE credit/contact hours (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, and CECH) are available for most COCA calls. Download the slides and follow along with the audio file, both of which are posted on the COCA website after a call.

COCA Home Page: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca>

Current CDC Emergency Response

Radiation Air Monitoring - EPA (April 2)

<http://www.epa.gov/japan2011/>

Radiation Safety – FDA (April 2)

Questions about Food Safety

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/PublicHealthFocus/ucm247403.htm#food>

Frequently Asked Questions About Iodine-131 Found in Surface Water – CDC (Apr 1)

Several states have reported finding Iodine-131 in surface water (e.g., lakes, rivers, and reservoirs) and rain water. Implications for public health are discussed.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/radiation/isotopes/iodine131surfacewater.asp>

Japan 2011 Earthquake/Tsunami – US Government Sources (Mar 30)

<http://www.usa.gov/Japan2011.shtml>

Population Monitoring After a Release of Radioactive Material – CDC (Mar 29)

The CDC has prepared this fact sheet to help people understand how public health officials would monitor people following a radiological incident, and how this monitoring could be used to protect people's health.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/radiation/populationmonitoring.asp>

Shelter-in-Place in a Radiation Emergency – CDC (Mar 29)

What Is Radiation? How Can Exposure Occur? What Happens When People Are Exposed to Radiation? In the event of a radiation emergency, such as a nuclear power plant accident or the explosion of a dirty bomb, you may be asked to stay home and take shelter rather than try to evacuate.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/radiation/shelter.asp>

Frequently Asked Questions about a Radiation Emergency – CDC (Mar 29)

What Is Radiation? How Can Exposure Occur? What Happens When People Are Exposed to Radiation? What Types of Terrorist Events Might Involve Radiation? What Preparations Can I Make for a Radiation Emergency? How Can I Protect Myself During a Radiation Emergency? Should I Take Potassium Iodide During a Radiation Emergency? and more.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/radiation/emergencyfaq.asp>

Mar 21 COCA Call Resources Now Available

Audio and Transcript for the March 21, 2011 COCA Call, *2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami: Interim Guidance for Clinicians Caring for Travelers* are available for download.

http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2011/callinfo_032111.asp

2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami (CDC)

A 9.0-magnitude earthquake in Japan preceded a series of tsunamis in the Pacific Ocean on March 11, causing massive loss of life and damage in Japan and claiming 5 lives on the US Pacific coast. This page provides information on public health issues related to tsunamis as well as information specific to the ongoing response to the earthquake, tsunami, and radiation emergency in Japan.

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

Tsunami-Related Information for Healthcare Professionals (CDC)

Resources for healthcare professionals addressing disease and health information, mental health, travel advice, and guidance for evaluating travelers returning from tsunami-affected areas.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/tsunamis/clinicians.asp>

Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID)

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- [Carriage of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* 3 Years After Start of Vaccination Program, The Netherlands](#)
- [Genomic Analysis of Highly Virulent Isolate of African Swine Fever Virus](#)

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

MMWR series is prepared by the CDC. The following emergency preparedness and response-related articles of interest were recently published:

April 1, 2011 / Vol. 60 / No. 12 [Download .pdf document of this issue](#)

- [Updated Norovirus Outbreak Management and Disease Prevention Guidelines](#)
- [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**.

Infectious, Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Disease

Summary of Weekly Flu View – CDC (Apr 1)

Influenza-like-illness (ILI) activity has been decreasing in the United States in recent weeks, however, influenza viruses continue to circulate and cause illness nationwide.

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

Seasonal Flu: International Situation Update – CDC (Mar 30)

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. Updates are listed by region.

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

Travelers' Health

Travel Warning: Syria – US Department of State (Apr 3)

The U.S. Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the potential for ongoing political and civil unrest in Syria.

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5418.html

Travel Warning: Japan – US Department of State (Mar 30)

This Travel Warning replaces the travel warning dated March 21, 2011, in response to the situation at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the Department of Energy, and other technical experts in the US Government have reviewed the scientific and technical information they have collected from assets in country, as well as what the Government of Japan has disseminated.

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5398.html

Travel Warning: Egypt – US Department of State (Mar 29)

This Travel Warning replaces the Travel Warning dated February 18, 2011, to update information on the ongoing security and political situation in Egypt, including the return to Egypt of most non-emergency US Embassy personnel.

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5347.html

Food & Drug Safety

Multistate Outbreak of Salmonella Panama Infections Linked to Cantaloupe – CDC (Mar 29)

As of March 29, 13 persons infected with the outbreak strain of Salmonella Panama have been reported from Oregon (5 cases), Washington (4 cases), California (2 cases), Colorado (1 case) and Maryland (1 case).

<http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/panama0311/032911/index.html#highlights>

Recalls, Market Withdrawals, & Safety Alert – FDA (Apr 1)

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>

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. This is a product of the Health Partners Outreach Team's Clinician Communication Section (CCS) who is responsible for the management of all COCA products.

For information on this and other clinical issues or to send your feedback please contact CCS at 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:

[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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