



COCA Update

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

May 9, 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 **May 23**.

The following CDC information and guidance is from **April 25 – May 9**. For questions on these or other clinical issues, please write to us at coca@cdc.gov.

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COCA News and Announcements

COCA Webinars Available Online – CE Credit Available

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. Free CE credit is available for COCA Calls and Webinars for 1 year after the original event. **Download** the slides and follow along with the audio file, both of which are posted on the COCA website after a call.

State Level Pediatric Emergency Preparedness Call Date: April 20

http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2011/callinfo_042011.asp

Podcast: <http://www2c.cdc.gov/podcasts/player.asp>

Measures to Prevent Disease Associated with Animals Call Date: April 21

http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2011/callinfo_042111.asp

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

CDC News and Announcements

May is Asthma Awareness Month – CDC

Asthma is one of the most common lifelong chronic diseases. There are about 25 million Americans living with asthma. This page addresses environmental triggers, public health measures to successfully fight asthma, and includes patient teaching materials and clinician resources.

<http://www.cdc.gov/asthma/healthcare.htm>

May is Hepatitis Awareness Month – CDC

One of the main findings from last year's Institute of Medicine (IOM) report was the public and health care professionals lacked knowledge and awareness about viral hepatitis.

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

CDC Crisis and Emergency Risk Communications (CERC)

Dates: May 10 – 11

Location: New Orleans, LA

CDC's CERC course serves those who will perform crisis and risk communication and media relations in the event of a public health emergency, when health-related decisions must be made under time constraints, and the timely and planned exchange of information is critical.

<http://cerccdc.nphic.org>

CDC Science Clips – (May 2)

Link to this issue: <http://www.cdc.gov/phlic/sciclips/issues/>

Emergency preparedness and response highlights:

- [Reduced mortality in injured adults transported by helicopter emergency medical services](#)
- [Requirements for radiation emergency urine bioassay techniques for the public and first responders](#)
- [Training healthcare personnel for mass-casualty incidents in a virtual emergency department: VED II](#)

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All Hazards

Majority of U.S. hospitals meet all-hazards preparedness measures – HHS (May 5)

From Hospitals to Healthcare Coalitions: Transforming Health Preparedness and Response in Our Communities, the program's first state-by-state report, identifies the advances that states have made in preparing hospitals for all types of disasters.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2011pres/05/20110505a.html>

Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – CDC

Illnesses, injuries, carbon monoxide poisoning, animals and insects, food, water, cleanup, mold, environmental concerns, mental effects of disasters and more are covered on this page.

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

Emerging Infectious Disease (EID)

Volume 17, Number 5, May 2011 [EID Home Page](#) – CDC (April 25)

Podcast: [Vector-Borne Infections](#)

[Evolution of New Genotype of West Nile Virus in North America](#)

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

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

MMWR Weekly Reports

May 6, 2011 / Vol. 60 / No. 17 [Download .pdf of this Issue](#)

- [Hepatitis C Virus Infection Among Adolescents and Young Adults — Massachusetts, 2002–2009](#)
- [Notifiable Diseases and Mortality Tables](#)

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- [Rotavirus Surveillance --- Worldwide, 2009](#)
- [Notifiable Diseases and Mortality Tables](#)

MMWR Recommendations and Reports

May 6, 2011 / Vol. 60 / No. RR-4 [Download pdf of this Issue](#)

[Compendium of Measures to Prevent Disease Associated with Animals in Public Settings, 2011: National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc.](#)

MMWR Surveillance Summaries

May 6, 2011 / Vol. 60 / No. SS-5 [Download pdf of this Issue](#)

[Surveillance for Traumatic Brain Injury–Related Deaths — United States, 1997–2007](#)

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[Guidelines for Biosafety Laboratory Competency --- CDC and the Association of Public Health Laboratories](#)

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Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

May 22 - 28 is National Hurricane Preparedness Week – CDC/NOAA

History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. By knowing your vulnerability and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects of a hurricane disaster.

http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/intro_printer.shtml

Wildfires – CDC

Information about preparation, smoke and burn injuries, and emotional well-being, as well as contending with the aftermath of a wildfire.

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

Infectious, Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases

218 Cases of Salmonella Typhimurium Associated with Pet Frogs – CDC (April 28)

CDC is collaborating with public health officials in many states to investigate a multistate outbreak of human *Salmonella* Typhimurium infections associated with African dwarf frogs, a type of water frog. African dwarf frogs commonly live in habitats containing water such as aquariums or fish tanks.

<http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/water-frogs-0411/042711/index.html>

Seasonal Flu: International Situation Update – CDC (May 4)

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>

Weekly Flu View – CDC (May 6)

Flu activity continues to decrease and is at low levels across the country at this time.

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

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Occupational Safety and Health

NIOSH eNews Volume 9 Number 1 May 2011 – CDC (May 5)

May marks the 40th anniversary of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Occupational Safety and Health.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/enews/enewsv9n1.html>

Travelers' Health

Current Travel Warnings – US Department of State (May 9)

Travel Warnings are in effect for 34 destinations. 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, or 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 Safety

Recalls, Market Withdrawals, & Safety Alerts – FDA (May 5)

For information on recent FDA recalls, market recalls, and safety alerts:

<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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