



COCA Update

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

June 6, 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 **June 20**.

This issue contains information from **May 23–June 6** and guidance documents relevant to current public health events.

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COCA News and Announcements

Upcoming COCA Call

Recreational Water Illness: What Every Clinician Needs to Know

Date/Time: June 28, 3:00-4:00 pm (Eastern Daylight Savings Time)

Call Number: 888-673-9802

Passcode: 1281914

Register for this Webinar at: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event>

Swimming is the second most popular sport activity in the U.S. Disease outbreak reports associated with pools, hot tubs, and other recreational water venues have increased in recent years. In 2007, 2.4 million cases of acute otitis externa (AOE), or swimmer's ear, were diagnosed in the U.S. During this COCA call, CDC subject matter experts will review updated recommendations for interventions to reduce the risk of AOE and other recreational water illnesses.

For more information on this call: http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2011/callinfo_062811.asp

CDC Health Partners Outreach Facebook page

The CDC has launched a new Facebook page for Health Partners. This page will provide real time updates, guidance, and situational awareness for public health partners about how to prepare and respond to public health emergencies and disasters. Become a fan today! "Like" the page to receive updates, participate in future conversations, and more.

<http://www.facebook.com/CDCHealthPartnersOutreach>

COCA Webinars Available Online – CE Credit Available

Archived COCA Conference Calls are available on the COCA Web site. Free CE credit/contact hours (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, and CECH) are available for most COCA calls.

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

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

CDC News and Announcements

CDC Health Alert Network (HAN)

- [Notice to Healthcare Providers: Shiga Toxin-producing E. coli O104 \(STEC O104:H4\) Infections in U.S. Travelers Returning from Germany – June 3](#)
- [FDA Warns Not to Feed Simply Thick® to Premature Infants – May 27](#)

Did You Know? – June 3

One in five US adults has a disability; what's the prevalence of disability where you live? Access state, district, and territory based health indicator data that show health disparities among people with disabilities.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ostlts/didyouknow/index.html> .

Science Clips – June 1

This week's top scientific articles, selected on the basis of potential for population impact and practical implementation, include: *Influenza and acute myocardial infarction*, and *Deepwater Horizon response workers exposure assessment at the source: MC252 well no. 1*.

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

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All Hazards

Stakeholder Input Sought for Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program – June 2 (CDC)

CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) seeks stakeholder input on its Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program to ensure that the program is meeting the needs and expectations of the U.S. fire service, and to identify ways in which the program can be improved through July 29.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/2011-13533.htm>

Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program – Selected Reports (CDC)

Investigation reports of traumatic injury and cardiovascular disease deaths of fire fighters in recent years.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2011-122/>

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 Diseases (EID)

EID is prepared by the CDC.

Volume 17, Number 6, June 2011 [EID Home Page](#)

- [Pandemic \(H1N1\) 2009 Risk for Frontline Health Care Workers](#)
- [Reassortant Pandemic \(H1N1\) 2009 Virus in Pigs, United Kingdom](#)

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>.

MMWR Weekly Reports

June 3, 2011 / Vol. 60 / No. 21 [Download .pdf of this issue](#)

- [Vaccination Coverage Among Children in Kindergarten --- United States, 2009--10 School Year](#)
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- [Human Jamestown Canyon Virus Infection --- Montana, 2009](#)
- [Notifiable Diseases and Mortality Tables](#)

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Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

New Tornado Cleanup and Response Web Page Features Preventive Measures for Occupational Hazards – May 27 (CDC)

This page includes CDC immunization recommendations for disaster responders, health recommendations for relief workers, and interim assessment tools for occupational safety and health in various healthcare settings, as well as guidance for hazards and disaster site management.

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/emres/tornado.html>

Ready America: Tornadoes – May 23 (FEMA)

While tornadoes are more common in the Midwest, Southeast and Southwest, they can occur in any state and at any time of the year, making advance preparation vitally important.

<http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/tornadoes.html>

Emergency Preparedness and Response: Floods (CDC)

Learn about flood readiness and recovery, and the hazards that accompany flooding.

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

Guidance on Microbial Contamination in Previously Flooded Outdoor Areas (CDC)

Bacterial and viral microbial contamination of flood waters can cause great concern for use of previously flooded outdoor areas; harmful organisms can persist in the environment up to 6 months.

http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/Publications/Guidance_Flooding.htm

Infectious, Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases

Weekly Flu View – June 3 (CDC)

During week 21, 7.1% 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 7.2% for that week.

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

Scientists Find Genetic Basis for Key Parasite Function in Malaria – May 26 (NIH)

Investigators from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, have found the genes that malaria parasites use to create feeding pores.

<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/may2011/niaid-26.htm>

Seasonal Flu: International Situation Update – May 25 (CDC)

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>

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Travelers' Health

Outbreak Updates for International Cruise Ships – June 2 (CDC)

Cruise ships participating in the Vessel Sanitation Program are required to report the total number of gastrointestinal (GI) illness cases (including zero cases) evaluated by the medical staff before the ship arrives at a U.S. port, when sailing from a foreign port.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/vsp/surv/GIlist.htm>

Current Travel Warnings – June 1 (US Department of State)

Burundi was added this month to the list of Travel Warnings in effect; which include 33 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 and Device Safety

Recalls, Market Withdrawals and Safety Alerts – June 4 (FDA)

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

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

FDA Safety Communication: Thermographic Imaging Systems – June 2 (FDA)

The FDA is not aware of any valid scientific data to show that thermographic devices, when used on their own, are an effective screening tool for any medical condition including the early detection of breast cancer or other breast disease. FDA advises that thermography should not be used alone to diagnose breast cancer.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm257707.htm>

Aidapak Services Recalls all Repackaged Pharmaceuticals Due to Potential Cross Contamination with Beta Lactam Products – June 1 (FDA)

There is potential likelihood that a serious anaphylactic reaction in patients with known hypersensitivity to beta-lactam or penicillin products could result from receiving these products.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm257704.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:

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[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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