This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from November 24 – December 1.

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**COCA News and Announcements**

Recent COCA Calls:
- **Caring for Patients with Ebola in U.S. Hospitals: A Nursing Perspective**
  - Date: Monday, November 24, 2014
  - [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_112414.asp](#)

Archived COCA conference calls are available at [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp](#).

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp](#)

**CDC Emergency Response – CDC Response to 2014 Ebola in the United States and West Africa**

*NEW:* CDC Health Alert Network (HAN) Advisory: Enhanced Airport Entry Screening and Active Post-Arrival Monitoring for People Traveling to the United States from Mali – November 24 (CDC)

On November 13, 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a travel alert (Level 2) for Mali following reports of a cluster of Ebola cases in Bamako, Mali, that were linked to a man who had become sick in Guinea and traveled to Bamako, Mali. CDC is working with the government of Mali, the World Health Organization (WHO), and other partners to control further spread of Ebola in Mali. In addition, CDC is working with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to expand enhanced entry screening at U.S. airports and post-arrival monitoring of people whose travel originates in Mali.

- [emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00372.asp](#)

*NEW:* CDC Video/Slides: What You REALLY Need To Know about Ebola
- [www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/resources/videos.html](#)
NEW: Information on the Survivability of the Ebola Virus in Medical Waste
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/survivability-ebola-medical-waste.html

UPDATED: Case Counts

Best Practices for Procuring Personal Protective Equipment for Ebola Response
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/procuring-ppe.html

2014 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa - Cumulative Reported Cases Graphs

CDC Safety Training Course for Healthcare Workers Going to West Africa in Response to the 2014 Ebola Outbreak (Spaces still available for the December 2-4 and December 15-17, 2014 classes)

Resources for Parents, Schools, and Pediatric Healthcare Professionals
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/children/index.html

Interim Guidance for the U.S. Residence Decontamination for Ebola Virus Disease (Ebola) and Removal of Contaminated Waste
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/residential-decontamination.html

Questions and Answers: Infection Control in General Healthcare Settings in Countries with Widespread Ebola Transmission (Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone)

Questions and Answers about CDC’s Ebola Monitoring & Movement Guidance

List of all Ebola Q&As
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/qa.html

CDC News and Announcements

CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 48 – (CDC)
Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.
www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/

Public Health Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)
Find preparedness resources for all hazards.
emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp

Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)
Find online and in-person training resources at
emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp

Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)
emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp
Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)
emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

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- Progress Toward Global Eradication of Dracunculiasis — January 2013–June 2014
- Global Routine Vaccination Coverage, 2013
- Progress Toward Poliomyelitis Eradication — Nigeria, January 2013–September 2014
- Update: Ebola Virus Disease Epidemic — West Africa, November 2014
- Evidence for a Decrease in Transmission of Ebola Virus — Lofa County, Liberia, June 8–November 1, 2014

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

Seasonal Influenza

What You Should Know for the 2014-2015 Influenza Season

Information for Health Professionals
http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm

Weekly Flu View – November 26 (CDC)
Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC’s Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.
www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)
Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist healthcare providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.
www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – November 26 (U.S. Department of State)
The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings 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 State Department staff.
travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html

Food, Drug, and Device Safety

NEW: CDC Health Alert Network (HAN) Advisory: Fatal Gastrointestinal Mucormycosis in an Infant Following Ingestion of Contaminated Dietary Supplement – Connecticut, 2014 – November 25 (CDC)
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and Connecticut Departments of Public Health and Consumer Protection are investigating a fatal case of gastrointestinal (GI) mucormycosis caused by Rhizopus oryzae in a premature infant.
emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00373.asp
MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)
MedWatch is your Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.
www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm

FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)
FoodSafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.
www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html

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Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity – resources for health care providers
COCA RSS Feed – subscribe to be notified of conference calls, updates, and CDC guidance for health providers
Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication Training – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication
Health Alert Network – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories

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