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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from May 9 – June 22.

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### COCA News and Announcements

**Recent COCA Calls:**
- **Cyclosporiasis: Detecting, Investigating, and Preventing Cases and Outbreaks of this Foodborne Parasitic Disease**
  - **Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2015
  - [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_061815.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_061815.asp)

- **Ebola – Clinical Updates with a Global Perspective**
  - **Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015
  - [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_061715.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_061715.asp)

- **Updated Information and Guidelines for Evaluation for MERS**
  - **Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2015
  - [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_061115.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_061115.asp)

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

**NEW:** CDC Health Alert Network (HAN): CDC Health Advisory: Clinical Considerations for the Evaluation of Ill Travelers from Liberia to the United States

CDC recommends that healthcare providers consider not only Ebola virus disease (EVD), but also other much more likely infectious diseases, including malaria, when evaluating ill travelers from Liberia to the United States. Signs and symptoms of EVD are non-specific and overlap with many other more prevalent infectious diseases in
West Africa. For any patient returning from West Africa and presenting with non-specific signs and symptoms consistent with EVD, providers should use clinical judgment, taking into account the patient's epidemiologic history for management, diagnostic testing, and treatment and coordinate healthcare as needed with the state or local health department to ensure that these patients get appropriate care without delay. The rapid identification of the cause of an acute illness in a person under Investigation (PUI) enables rapid treatment and resolution of symptoms.  
http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00381.asp

UPDATE: Case Counts  

UPDATE: Clinical Evaluation of Patients Who Traveled From West Africa  
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/healthcare-us/evaluating-patients/index.html

CDC News and Announcements  
NEW: 2016 CDC Health Information for International Travel now available  
CDC is pleased to announce the release of the new 2016 CDC Health Information for International Travel (more commonly known as the Yellow Book). The Yellow Book is written primarily for health professionals and offers the U.S. government's most current health recommendations for international travel. The latest edition features comprehensive updates, new sections, and expanded disease maps (including country-level yellow fever vaccine recommendation maps). The Yellow Book is available for sale from Oxford University Press, and will soon be available online and as an app for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the Yellow Book and for ordering information, visit http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/yellowbook-home

CDC Science Clips: Volume 7, Issue: 24 – (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)
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 – June 22 (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 – June 22 (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

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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