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COCA Updates are disseminated biweekly. More frequent distributions may occur when there is emergency information or an event-specific update to share. The next COCA Update is scheduled for **June 2**.

This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **May 5 – May 19**.

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COCA News and Announcements

Recent COCA Calls/Webinars:

CDC Update for Clinicians on Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) is a virus that has caused severe respiratory illness and death in the Middle East. Epidemiologic investigations have demonstrated that this virus spreads from person to person during close contact, such as within families and healthcare facilities. The first U.S. case of imported MERS-CoV was confirmed by CDC on May 2 in the state of Indiana.

Clinicians play a critical role in recognizing and managing suspected cases of MERS-CoV. During this COCA call, CDC subject matter experts discussed the epidemiology, clinical signs, and infection control recommendations for MERS-CoV.

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_050614.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 – MERS-CoV

NEW: Second Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) Case Imported to the United States – May 14 (CDC)

On May 11, 2014, a second U.S. imported case of MERS was confirmed in a traveler who also came to the United States from Saudi Arabia. CDC is working very quickly to investigate this second U.S. case of MERS and respond to minimize the spread of this virus.

www.cdc.gov/Features/novelcoronavirus/

Updated: Interim Guidance for Health Professionals – May 14 (CDC)

Healthcare professionals should evaluate patients for MERS-CoV infection if they develop fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after traveling from countries in or near the Arabian Peninsula.

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/interim-guidance.html

Updated: Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Hospitalized Patients with MERS-CoV – May 15 (CDC)

Standard, contact, and airborne precautions are recommended for management of hospitalized patients with known or suspected MERS-CoV infection.

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/infection-prevention-control.html

Updated: MERS Preparedness – (CDC)

To aid providers and facilities, CDC has developed two checklists that identify key actions that can be taken now to enhance preparedness for MERS-CoV infection control.

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/preparedness/index.html

Updated: MERS Resources for Healthcare Professionals, Labs, and the General Public – (CDC)

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/related-materials.html

Updated: MERS Frequently Asked Questions and Answers – (CDC)

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/faq.html

CDC News and Announcements

NEW: CDC webinar: More adults with disabilities need physical activity - How can health professionals help? – (CDC)

Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Time: 2:00 – 3 p.m. EDT / 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PDT

Webinar: www1.gotomeeting.com/register/285025977

Adults with disabilities are more likely to be inactive and have certain chronic diseases than adults without disabilities. In this webinar, an expert panel will address how you can discuss and recommend appropriate physical activity options and programs for your adult patients with disabilities.

www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/disabilities/

CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 19 – (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/phlic/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

NEW: Public Health Matters Blog: An Unpredictable Spring – May 14 (CDC)

While spring officially sprung in late March, it's only been in the last few weeks that we've seen the characteristically unpredictable weather that ushers in the fun-in-the-sun summer.

blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters/2014/05/springweather/

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)

MMWR publications are prepared by CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to

www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html

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- [First Confirmed Cases of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus \(MERS-CoV\) Infection in the United States, Updated Information on the Epidemiology of MERS-CoV Infection, and Guidance for the Public, Clinicians, and Public Health Authorities — May 2014](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

Seasonal Influenza

Weekly Flu View – May 3 (CDC)

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC 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)

Health care providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist health care providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – May 14 (US 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: Multistate Outbreak of Human Salmonella Infantis and Salmonella Newport Infections Linked to Live Poultry in Backyard Flocks – May 5 (CDC)

CDC is collaborating with public health, veterinary, and agriculture officials in many states, and with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS), to investigate an outbreak of human salmonella infections linked to contact with live poultry.

www.cdc.gov/salmonella/live-poultry-05-14/index.html

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)

MedWatch is your 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 USDA. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html

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[CDC Health Partners Outreach Facebook page](#) – real time updates, guidance, and situational awareness for public health partners on Facebook

[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 \(CERC\) 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 \(HAN\)](#) – 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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