



# COCA Update

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

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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **June 30 – July 14**.

**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 **July 28**.

For questions about these or other clinical issues, please write to us at [coca@cdc.gov](mailto:coca@cdc.gov).

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## COCA News and Announcements

#### Upcoming COCA Calls/Webinars:

**Love the Pets, Not the Germs: CDC Update on Enteric Zoonoses**

**CE** = Free Continuing Education

**Date:** Thursday, July 17, 2014

**Time:** 2:00 - 3:00 pm (EDT)

**Dial In Number:** 888-913-9971 (U.S. Callers); 212-547-0138 (International Callers)

**Passcode:** 7400152

**Webinar:** [www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW7286673&p=7400152&t=c](http://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW7286673&p=7400152&t=c)

Enteric illnesses are common, costly, preventable, and increasingly attributable to animal contact. Animals provide many benefits to people; however, even clean and healthy animals may be responsible for spreading germs such as salmonella, E.coli O157:H7, and cryptosporidium, which are some of the frequent causes of diarrheal illness in children and adults. During this COCA call, clinicians will learn about enteric zoonoses and the "One Health" approach to helping patients prevent illness and maintain optimal health.

[emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo\\_071714.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_071714.asp)

#### Recent COCA Calls/Webinars:

**Record High U.S. Measles Cases: Patient Vaccination, Clinical Assessment and Management**

**Date:** Tuesday, July 1, 2014

[emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo\\_070114.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_070114.asp)

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

## CDC News and Announcements

### **NEW: CDC Vital Signs: Opioid Painkiller Prescribing: Where You Live Makes a Difference – July 1 (CDC)**

Health issues that cause people pain don't vary much from place to place—not enough to explain why, in 2012, health care providers in the highest-prescribing state wrote almost three times as many opioid painkiller prescriptions per person as those in the lowest prescribing state in the United States or why there are twice as many painkiller prescriptions per person in the United States as in Canada.

[www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/opioid-prescribing/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/opioid-prescribing/index.html)

### **CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 27 – (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/](http://www.cdc.gov/phlic/sciclips/issues/)

## Public Health Preparedness

### **NEW: Blast Injury Mobile Application – (CDC)**

Within seconds, explosions can cause chaos, yet few health professionals in the United States have experience with mass casualty explosive events. To address this gap, CDC consolidated up-to-date clinical guidance about blast injuries into an easy-to-use mobile application. Download the CDC Blast Injury Mobile Application for free from the App Store.

[emergency.cdc.gov/masscasualties/blastinjury-mobile-app.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/masscasualties/blastinjury-mobile-app.asp)

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)**

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

[emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp](http://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](http://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](http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp)

### **Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)**

[emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp](http://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](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html)

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- [Prevalence and Correlates of Cryptococcal Antigen Positivity Among AIDS Patients — United States, 1986–2012](#)
- [Interim CDC Guidance for Polio Vaccination for Travel to and from Countries Affected by Wild Poliovirus](#)
- [QuickStats: Rates of Drug Poisoning Deaths Involving Heroin, by Selected Age and Racial/Ethnic Groups — United States, 2002 and 2011](#)

## Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

## Seasonal Influenza

### Weekly Flu View – June 28 (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/](http://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 health care providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

[www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html](http://www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html)

## Travel Safety

### Current Travel Warnings – July 11 (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](http://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](http://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](http://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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