



COCA Update

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

July 28, 2014

This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **July 14 – July 28**.

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 **August 11**.

For questions about these or other clinical issues, please write to us at coca@cdc.gov.

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COCA News and Announcements

Recent COCA Calls/Webinars:

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

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2014

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_071714.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 News and Announcements

CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 29 – (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

NEW: CDC's Solve the Outbreak App: Download Solve the Outbreak from Google play today! – July 8 (CDC)

Are you ready to become a disease detective by solving outbreaks? CDC has released an Android version of the Solve the Outbreak app. This popular, free app puts you in the shoes of a member of the Epidemic Intelligence Service.

http://www.cdc.gov/features/solve-the-outbreak-android/?s_cid=cdc_homepage_whatsnew_003

NEW: Public Health Matters Blog: Prep Check! Lockheed Martin – July 15 (CDC)

CDC's Prep Check! takes preparedness into the community. Each episode features a venue that many people visit regularly – large businesses, airports, churches, and more – to learn about how each of them prepares for a disaster.

<http://blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters/2014/07/prep-check-lockheed-martin/>

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)

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

www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html

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- [Pedestrian Traffic Deaths Among Residents, Visitors, and Homeless Persons — Clark County, Nevada, 2008–2011](#)
- [Prevalence of Nodding Syndrome — Uganda, 2012–2013](#)
- [Announcement: Recommendations Regarding Education Programs and Policies to Promote Health Equity — Community Preventive Services Task Force](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

NEW: CDC Press Kit: Chikungunya Hits Mainland – July 21 (CDC)

The first locally acquired case of chikungunya, a mosquito-borne disease, was reported July 17 in Florida. This newly reported case represents the first time that mosquitoes in the continental United States are thought to have spread the virus to a non-traveler.

http://www.cdc.gov/media/DPK/2014/dpk-chikungunya.html?s_cid=cdc_homepage_whatsnew_001

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/

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

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – July 21 (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

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 \(CERC\) 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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