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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **September 22 – October 6**.

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COCA News and Announcements

Recent COCA Calls:

Neurologic Illness with Limb Weakness in Children

Date: Friday, October 3, 2014

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_100314.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 – 2014 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa

NEW: An Open Letter to All U.S. Healthcare Professionals from the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

<http://www.phe.gov/about/OPP/dhsp/Documents/ebola-openletterhealthcareprofessionals.pdf>

NEW: CDC Press Conference: Press Briefing Transcript: CDC Confirms First Ebola Case Diagnosed in the United States

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed, through laboratory tests, the first case of Ebola to be diagnosed in the United States in a person who traveled to Dallas, TX, from Liberia.

www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/t0930-ebola-confirmed-case.html

NEW: CDC Health Alert Network (HAN): CDC Health Advisory: Evaluating Patients for Possible Ebola Virus Disease: Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel and Health Officials

Please disseminate this information to infectious disease specialists, intensive care physicians, primary care physicians, and infection control specialists, as well as to emergency departments, urgent care centers, and microbiology laboratories.

emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00371.asp

NEW: CDC Ebola Microsite for healthcare workers now available

CDC has created an Ebola microsite specifically for U.S. healthcare workers featuring the most current Ebola content, guidance and resources for healthcare practitioners. The embed code for this microsite is available in CDC's new syndication site, the [Public Health Media Library](#). Please contact IMTech@cdc.gov for technical support.

CDC Ebola Case Definition

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/case-definition.html

Checklist for Healthcare Coalitions for Ebola Preparedness

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/coalition-checklist-ebola-preparedness.pdf

Clinical Care in U.S. Healthcare Settings:

Detailed Hospital Checklist for Ebola Preparedness

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/hospital-checklist-ebola-preparedness.pdf

Ebola Virus Disease Information for Clinicians in U.S. Healthcare Settings

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/clinician-information-us-healthcare-settings.html

Interim Guidance for Specimen Collection, Transport, Testing, and Submission for Patients with Suspected Infection with Ebola Virus Disease

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/interim-guidance-specimen-collection-submission-patients-suspected-infection-ebola.html

Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Hospitalized Patients with Known or Suspected Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever in U.S. Hospitals

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/infection-prevention-and-control-recommendations.html

Interim Guidance for Environmental Infection Control in Hospitals for Ebola Virus

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/environmental-infection-control-in-hospitals.html

Monitoring and Movement recommendations

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/monitoring-and-movement-of-persons-with-exposure.html

Sequence for Removing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ppe-poster.pdf

Emergency Medical Services Systems:

Detailed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Checklist for Ebola Preparedness

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ems-checklist-ebola-preparedness.pdf

Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for Management of Patients with Known or Suspected Ebola Virus Disease in the United States

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/interim-guidance-emergency-medical-services-systems-911-public-safety-answering-points-management-patients-known-suspected-united-states.html

CDC News and Announcements

CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 39 – (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/scioclips/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)

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

www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html

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- [Typhoid Fever Surveillance and Vaccine Use — South-East Asia and Western Pacific Regions, 2009–2013](#)
- [Update: Influenza Activity — United States and Worldwide, May 18–September 20, 2014](#)
- [Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak — West Africa, September 2014](#)
- [Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak — Nigeria, July–September 2014](#)
- [Importation and Containment of Ebola Virus Disease — Senegal, August–September 2014](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

NEW: CDC Health Alert Network (HAN): CDC Health Advisory: Acute Neurologic Illness with Focal Limb Weakness of Unknown Etiology in Children

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working closely with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Children’s Hospital Colorado to investigate a cluster of nine pediatric patients hospitalized with acute neurologic illness of undetermined etiology.

emergency.cdc.gov/HAN/han00370.asp

Seasonal Influenza

Weekly Flu View – September 29 (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 – October 3 (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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