



COCA Update

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

November 24, 2014

This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **November 17 – November 24**.

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COCA News and Announcements

Upcoming COCA Calls/Webinars:

Caring for Patients with Ebola in U.S. Hospitals: A Nursing Perspective – TODAY!

Date: Monday, November 24, 2014

Time: 2 – 3 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Dial In Number: 888-972-6898 (U.S. Callers)

Passcode: 5076538

Listen Only! Webinar: event.on24.com/r.htm?e=897795&s=1&k=6DF1465EA1BB9109F0973F486C334C3C

Health care organizations across the country are preparing to respond to the possibility of Ebola cases in their communities. Several U.S. hospitals have treated patients with the disease and can provide important information to other health care workers related to personal protective equipment, staffing models, and critical care nursing. During this COCA Call, clinicians will learn about the clinical management experiences of nurses who cared for patients with Ebola at Emory Healthcare and Nebraska Medical Center.

Recent COCA Calls:

Taking Action Against Cervical Cancer Through Early Detection and Vaccination

Date: Monday, October 20, 2014

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_112014.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 – CDC Response to 2014 Ebola in the United States and West Africa

NEW: Interim Guidance for Managers and Workers Handling Untreated Sewage from Individuals with Ebola in the United States

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/prevention/handling-sewage.html

NEW: Best Practices for Procuring Personal Protective Equipment for Ebola Response
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/procuring-ppe.html

NEW: Top 10 Things You REALLY Need to Know about Ebola
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/top-10-things.pdf

NEW: 2014 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa - Cumulative Reported Cases Graphs
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/cumulative-cases-graphs.html

CDC Safety Training Course for Healthcare Workers Going to West Africa in Response to the 2014 Ebola Outbreak (*Spaces still available for the December 2-4 and December 15-17, 2014 classes*)
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/safety-training-course/index.html>

Resources for Parents, Schools, and Pediatric Healthcare Professionals
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/children/index.html

Interim Guidance for the U.S. Residence Decontamination for Ebola Virus Disease (Ebola) and Removal of Contaminated Waste
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/residential-decontamination.html

Questions and Answers: Infection Control in General Healthcare Settings in Countries with Widespread Ebola Transmission (Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone)
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/qa-infection-control-general-healthcare-widespread-ebola-transmission.html

Questions and Answers about CDC's Ebola Monitoring & Movement Guidance
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/exposure/qas-monitoring-and-movement-guidance.html

List of all Ebola Q&As
www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/qa.html

CDC News and Announcements

CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 47 – (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)

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

www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html

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- [Progress Toward Global Eradication of Dracunculiasis — January 2013–June 2014](#)
- [Global Routine Vaccination Coverage, 2013](#)
- [Progress Toward Poliomyelitis Eradication — Nigeria, January 2013–September 2014](#)
- [Update: Ebola Virus Disease Epidemic — West Africa, November 2014](#)
- [Evidence for a Decrease in Transmission of Ebola Virus — Lofa County, Liberia, June 8–November 1, 2014](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

Seasonal Influenza

What You Should Know for the 2014-2015 Influenza Season

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2014-2015.htm>

Information for Health Professionals

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm>

Weekly Flu View – November 21 (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 – November 21 (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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