



# COCA Update

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

February 2, 2015

This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **January 20 – February 2**.

**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 **February 16**.

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

#### Recent COCA Calls:

**2014–2015 Influenza Activity and Antiviral Recommendations**

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2014

[emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo\\_011415.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_011415.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 Emergency Response – CDC Response to 2014 Ebola in the United States and West Africa

**NEW:** Q&A's about the Transport of Pediatric Patients (< 18 years of age) Under Investigation or with Confirmed Ebola

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/healthcare-us/emergency-services/transporting-pediatric-patients.html>

**Updated:** Case Counts

[www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/case-counts.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/case-counts.html)

**NEW:** Guidance for U.S. Laboratories for Managing and Testing Routine Clinical Specimens When There is a Concern About Ebola Virus Disease

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/healthcare-us/laboratories/safe-specimen-management.html>

**NEW:** Non-CDC Laboratory Resources

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/healthcare-us/laboratories/non-cdc-resources.html>

**NEW:** Interim Guidance for U.S. Businesses, Employers, and Business Travelers to Prevent Exposures to Ebola

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/business/business-travelers.html>

## CDC News and Announcements

**CDC Science Clips: Volume 7, Issue: 4 – (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/](http://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](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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- [Outbreaks of Unexplained Neurologic Illness — Muzaffarpur, India, 2013–2014](#)
- [Tickborne Relapsing Fever — United States, 1990–2011](#)
- [Update on the Epidemiology of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus \(MERS-CoV\) Infection, and Guidance for the Public, Clinicians, and Public Health Authorities — January 2015](#)
- [Public Health Response to Commercial Airline Travel of a Person with Ebola Virus Infection — United States, 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 – January 30 (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 healthcare 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 – January 30 (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](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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[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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